Please accept this email in support of HB2739 Much thanks,
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March 15th, 2017

As an organization dedicated to the wellbeing of our communities, we are writing in support of HB 2739 and holding GE patent-holders liable for paying damages to farmers growing traditional crops which become contaminated by GE crops. This is of increasing concern in the Hood River valley where we have a vibrant and growing community of organic and non-GE farmers and a growing number of people who make a living from value-added products and services connected with these crops. Contamination by GE crops would have far-reaching economic effects which this bill would address.