Dear Channa,

Yes, farmers and communities should be protected from GM'd crops, and it should be the responsibility of those engaging in such practices to afford that protection. Precedents have already been set throughout our nation with the protection of waterways from mining interests, oceans from drilling mishaps, and oil refineries needing to control the pollution they create. It is very simple and all boils down to the principle of not allowing your trash to blow into your neighbors yard.

I am a local 'farmer' only to the extent that I have a 1 acre market garden. My primary business is as the owner/operator of a plant nursery in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

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