

Ms Newell,

I support House Bill #2739 & strongly urge you to as well. Please.

Over the past decade, repeated episodes of contamination by genetically engineered plants have cost U.S. farmers billions of dollars. Oregon farmers grow many high-value or specialty crops that are at significant risk of contamination by GMO crops. Creeping Bentgrass, a GMO grass, continues to spread in Malheur and Jefferson counties.

GMO crop contamination usually pits farmer against farmer. House Bill 2739 would hold patent holders, instead of farmers, responsible for contamination events. This is only fair.

While I do not own a farm, I am very concerned for my children and their children with the resulting effects of GMO crops. Nutrition is the sound basis for health and well being (and consequently avoiding more & higher medical costs!).

Thank you,  
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