

**Testimony: Mary Middleton, Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families, Josephine County Oregon**

Thank you Rep. Clem and all members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources for holding this hearing today and for the opportunity to speak with you to request your support of HB 2469.

My name is Mary Middleton, Director of Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families. I am here today representing the 16,137 citizens who overwhelmingly voted to adopt the Josephine County Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance in May 2014. Jackson County voters enacted a similar ordinance the same day, effectively making Southern Oregon a GMO-Free Zone.

Josephine County is a diverse rural community with people from all walks of life, including farmers, restaurant owners, educators, parents, medical professionals, students and business owners, liberal, conservative, progressive, and libertarian alike, all of whom came together on this issue to protect our farmers. Our citizenry as a whole has a strong belief and respect in the political process.

During the 2014 campaign, more than 50 farms, hundreds of farmers, and more than 150 local businesses signed on in support of the Ordinance to protect our farms and community.

Agriculture is a matter of local concern, because here in Oregon unlike most other State's, our State consists of many small family farms. To date, the legislature has failed to pass any comprehensive statewide regulation to address the mounting needs of small family farmers across the state. In this void, I am here today asking you to restore Oregon's home rule and democratic process that allows every day citizens and small farmers to go to the ballot to address their community's needs to regulate seeds. The Will of the People, in rejecting GE crops to protect family farms, was made very clear in southern Oregon. Voters across the state should have the opportunity to regulate seeds at a local level. Therefore, I am asking you to support HB 2469, which not only honors the will of the people of

Josephine County, but will also allow other communities throughout Oregon to put the interests of local family farms above the interests of outside chemical corporations.

I've brought with me 173 letters from Josephine County citizens in support of HB 2469. These are copies of just a portion of the letters sent to our elected officials from the region and I bring these letters to further show support of the will of the people in Josephine County.

Finally, I'd like to end with a point of discussion also presented to you by the Oregon Farm Bureau earlier this year. In Oregon, our farmers and communities need FLEXIBILITY. The Flexibility to make their own agricultural decisions. The flexibility to protect our rural communities and the flexibility to utilize the legislative process set forth by our forefathers. By supporting HB 2469, you can do just that. Thank you again for your time and attention today.

## **Testimony From Siskiyou Seeds, LLC in Support of HB 2469**

March 14, 2017

Siskiyou Seeds is a certified Organic Seed Company in Josephine County in SW Oregon that specializes in open-pollinated and Heirloom vegetable, flower and herb seeds. We distribute widely throughout Oregon and nationwide through on-line sales. We employ 10 people in our seed house and on our production farm. We grow much of the seeds ourselves and source the rest from other Organic growers in Oregon, many of whom are in Josephine and Jackson County.

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Once again, we are urging you to help safeguard small family farms through voting in support of HB 2469. Thank you

**Rep. Carl Wilson**  
900 Court St. NE, H-390  
Salem, Oregon 97301



Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families  
PO Box 1183  
Grants Pass, OR 97528  
Director Mary Middleton

Dear Representative Wilson,

**Representing Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families (OSFF), I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR HB 2469.**

I am speaking on behalf of more than 50 farms and hundreds of farmers, at least 30 health professionals, just over 120 local business owners and their employees, and the 16,137 Josephine County citizens who voted yes to ban the growth of genetically engineered crops in the county.

OSFF stands strong with the will of the people on our side and I am writing to thank you for your help to complete this mission. **HB 2469 will help increase** regulatory flexibility for all of Oregon's farmers.

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Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope we can count on you to be our legislative champion by signing on to **SPONSOR HB 2469**. Your role here, your help for our farmers and citizens is needed and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mary Middleton  
Director OSFF  
[marymiddleton@osff.org](mailto:marymiddleton@osff.org)

**Rep. Duane Stark**  
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**Sen. Herman Baertschiger**  
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Director OSFF  
[marymiddleton@osff.org](mailto:marymiddleton@osff.org)

Feb 26-17

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Dear Rep. Duane Stark, 2/28/17

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Please stand up for the will of the people to protect our family farms from the threat of contamination via pollen drift.

Please sponsor this bill on behalf of Josephine County.

Thank you,  
Aubrey Riches

2/28/17

Dear Rep. Carl Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor HB 2409.

HB2409 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in May 2014.

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PO Box 233  
Williams, Oregon  
February 20, 2017

The Honorable Carl Wilson  
House of Representatives  
Oregon State House  
900 Court Street, NE, H-390  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Representative Wilson:

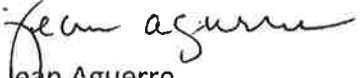
I am writing to ask you to **sponsor House Bill 2469** thereby returning local control of GMO crops to counties.

As a private property and business owner, I am determined to do everything in my power to protect values that support our hard-earned quality of life here in Josephine County. That is why I am proud to have voted with neighbors and colleagues in May of 2014 to pass the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance. Please stand in support of our vote and our right to local representation by becoming a sponsor of HB 2469.

Family farming and gardening have long supported our Josephine County rural communities. For generations, healthy food diversity in our then-remote county depended on seed breeding and trading among locals. That tradition was broadened beginning in the 1960s when growing seed became a specialty to be used by local gardeners and family farmers buying land to establish organic production across our region. Their successes over these decades landed Josephine County on the national map as a dependable source of richly diverse organic food production and processing which support our local and regional rural economies and enhance our quality of life. Please stand in support of our healthy local and regional economies by becoming a sponsor of HB 2469.

I am not alone in feeling challenged by threats to our land and lives here in Josephine County. The ongoing attempted takeover by Monsanto and other Big Ag interests on top of the invasion by cash-plush, out-of-control pot growers plus an ill-conceived proposal to close our local elementary school are a lethal mix. Please do one thing now to support hard working family farmers, the voters who stand with them, and our rural quality of life. Thank you for becoming a sponsor of HB2469 today.

Sincerely,

  
Jean Aguerre  
email: thulip@aol.com

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Hi Representative Carl Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor House Bill 2469. My name is Arianna and I was born and raised in Josephine County. I still live here - at twenty-two years old - because of the clean air, food, water, and bioregional diversity that exist here. In addition I love that I can buy local, organic food and I know it has not been contaminated by GMO's via the wind, please help to keep Josephine County GMO free so we may all trust in clean food and have good health. Thank you!

Sincerely, Arianna Hunter, Williams OR

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mary Middleton, director of Oregonians



Hi Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr,

I am writing to ask you to please sponsor House Bill 2469. My name is Arianna and I have grown up in Josephine County. I choose to live here still - at age 22 - because of the clean air, water, and food - that I know I can trust - that comes from this region. By sponsoring HB 2469 you are helping to ensure clean air, water, and food. You are helping to ensure clean seeds and food in the future. You are helping to ensure good health for the people who live in Josephine County and the future generations.

Sincerely, Arianna Hunter, Williams OR

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2/17/17

To : Rep Carl Wilson

I am writing this letter to ask  
you to sponsor HB 2469.

I am a voter in Josephine County and have  
lived here for almost 20 years.

I voted for Measure 17-58 in 2014 and

I want to see the will of the  
voters become law in Josephine  
County.

HB 2469 provides the legislative means  
for this county to enforce the GE  
Plant Ordinance.

I ask you to be our legislative  
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Thank you for your yes vote on

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Sincerely,  
CARMELA DILEVA  
GRANTS PASS, OR



Subject **HB 2469**  
From Elizabeth Bretko <uberherbal@gmail.com>  
To <rep.carlwilson@state.or.us>, <rep.duanestark@oregonlegislature.gov>, <sen.hermendaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov>  
Cc <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-03-15 15:44



Joyous Greetings on this beautiful Oregon day!

I am writing to asky you to SPONSOR HB 2469.

I am a farmer, a foodie & a business owner in Josephine County, Oregon.

My business is in it's third year, currently employs 2 people and generates a revenue of \$100,000 a year. HB2469 will benefit my business through marketing related to our GMO Free Zone. I sell my products at farmers markets, my own brick & mortar store and online internationally.

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Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I really hope we can count on you to be our legislative champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Bretko  
Owner, Uber Herbal  
[www.uber-herbal.com](http://www.uber-herbal.com)  
Grants Pass OR

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Subject **Fwd: Support 2739**  
From Carol Valentine <cvalentinemusic@gmail.com>  
To Middleton Mary <mary@oregoniansforsafefarmsandfamilies.org>  
Date 2017-03-15 16:35



Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Christine Gardiner <[siskiyou.alpaca@gmail.com](mailto:siskiyou.alpaca@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 15, 2017 at 2:41:25 PM PDT  
**To:** [hjud.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:hjud.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov)  
**Subject: Support 2739**

As a native Oregonian and a farmer in Josephine County, I'm writing publicly to give my support to HB 2739.

This legislation is crucial to the survival of small farms in Oregon, economically vital. Please stand for the future of Oregon agriculture. Please support 2739 .

Thank you for caring about the Land and People of Oregon.

*Christine Perala Gardiner PhD*

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Growing a new local economy in SW Oregon  
[www.siskiyualpaca.com](http://www.siskiyualpaca.com)

Subject **Support 2469**  
From Christine Gardiner <siskiyou.alpaca@gmail.com>  
To <HAGNR.Exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov>  
Bcc <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-03-15 15:44



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Mary Middleton <mathnerd11@gmail.com>

**Fwd: HB 2469**

**MICHAEL SULLIVAN** <mycole.t@gmail.com>  
To: Mary Middleton <mathnerd11@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 6:32 PM

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From: "MICHAEL SULLIVAN" < >  
Date: Mar 10, 2017 5:13 PM  
Subject: HB 2469  
To: < >  
Cc:

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**Sincerely,**

**Michael T. Sullivan  
Grants Oass, Or.**

3/14/2017

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Mary Middleton <mathnerd11@gmail.com>

## Fwd: HB 2469

**MICHAEL SULLIVAN** <mycole.t@gmail.com>  
To: Mary Middleton <mathnerd11@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 6:31 PM

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From: "MICHAEL SULLIVAN" < >  
Date: Mar 10, 2017 5:29 PM  
Subject: HB 2469  
To: < >  
Cc:

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Grants Pass, Or.

Mary Middleton <mathnerd11@gmail.com>

**Fwd: HB 2469**

**MICHAEL SULLIVAN** <mycole.t@gmail.com>  
To: Mary Middleton <mathnerd11@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 10, 2017 at 6:32 PM

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Date: Mar 10, 2017 5:01 PM  
Subject: HB2469  
To: < >  
Cc:

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Sincerely, Michael T. Sullivan, Grants Pass, Or.

Sen. Herman Baertschiger d

2.20.17

I am writing you to SPONSOR HB 2469

I am a long time resident and small business owner of a tree gardening business. I prune food trees and ornamentals.

Herbaceous, old growth, bird seeds, bee flowers organic humus, most I go on to

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Without the original blue print we are dead. The natural plan brought us

here and sustained us. GMO's ~~is~~ are

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HB 2469 continues life, my business, and relationships with my clients.

Please sponsor this BILL on behalf

of Josephine County, Show the example of life, the example that

you listen to the people, the example of community. If it is not natural

it is not real and so it is not sustainable for future lives.

Vote Yes on HB 2469 and stand by it.

Herve Perreault

Williams PO Box 190

Rep. Duane Stark

2-20-17

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animals, landscapes, forest and farms.  
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Herve Perreault  
Box 190 Williams

Rep. Carl Wilson

2.20.11

I am writing you to SPONSOR HB 2469. I am a long time resident and small business owner of a tree gardening service. I prune food trees and ornamentals for health, propagation, pollination and environment support. Heirlooms, old growth, bird seeds, bee flowers, organic humus; must I go on to show the foundation of our existence? With out the original blue print we are dead. The natural plan brought us here, and sustained us. GMO's are the beginning of the end, and supports nothing but profit for one.

HB 2469 continues life, my business, real plants, plant people and nature. Please Sponsor this Bill on behalf of Josephine County's children, animals, land scapes, forests and farms. Show the example of community, show the example of life, the example that you listen to the people. If it is not real it is not natural and so it is not sustainable for the future. Vote Yes on HB2469 and Standby it.

Nerve Perreault  
PO Box 190 Williams

To: Rep Carl Wilson

I am writing to you to sponsor HB 2469

I am a 41-year resident of Josephine County, and an educator, and a small farm owner.

HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in May 2014. I voted for it and I am asking you to be a hero for Josephine County and stand up for the will of the people in Josephine County. Please sponsor this bill on behalf of those who live and thrive in Josephine County.

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Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope we can count on you to be our legislative Champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill.

Sincerely, Chelsea Fine

Chelsea Fine 4120 Midway Avenue  
Grants Pass, Oregon 97527

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Sincerely,  
Chelsea Fine  
Chelsea Fine  
4120 Midway Ave.  
Grants Pass, OR  
97527



February 20, 2017

Dear Representative Stark,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor HR2469.

HB2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed with overwhelming support by the voters of our county.

As our county continues to gain national attention for our stance to protect our farmers, it would be great to show the state and the nation that Josephine County stands united.

Sincerely,  
Daniel D. Bowden  
945 Azalea Drive  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

February 20, 2017

Dear Senator Baertschiger,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor HB 2469.

HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance, which was passed with overwhelming bi-partisan support by the voters of our county.

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2/17/2017

**From: Dan Kittleson**

Kittleson Family Farm- Grants Pass, OR 97527

**To: Representative Carl Wilson**

900 court St NE, H-390 Salem, OR 97301

Dear Mr. Wilson

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We, like many of our farming neighbors, save our seed from season to season to maintain control of seed purity, and guarantee its organic nature to our customers. The reputation of my business is based on providing exclusively organic produce to my many local customers. All of whom, myself included, voted with a majority of citizens in this county, to disallow the growing of genetically modified crops in our county.

HB2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant ban passed by local citizens in May of 2014.

Please, join us, and be a hero for this community, by sponsoring HB2469, and standing with us against the big bio-tech companies that are trying to jam GMO products down the throat of all Americans for corporate profit.

This diverse seed producing region needs your help. Our county's citizens, and farmers need your help. I need your help.

Sincerely,

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Dan Kittleson

Kittleson Family Farm

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Kittleson Family Farm

REDCARL WILSON

I AM A CITIZEN OF JACKSON COUNTY OR. I AM CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE AG INDUSTRY AND AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE ORGANIC FOOD INDUSTRY ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF SMALL FAMILY FARMS.

AS YOU KNOW THE POTENTIAL OF GMO CONTAMINATION OF CROPS IS EXTREMELY DETRIMENTAL TO ORGANIC CROPS AND THE AG INDUSTRY AS IT APPLIES TO SMALL FARMS. THE CITIZENS OF BOTH JACKSON & JOSEPHINE COUNTIES VOTED FOR A GMO BAN IN 2014. HB 2469 GIVES COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO UPHOLD SUCH BANS

PLEASE HELP PROTECT FAMILY FARMS BY <sup>SPONSORING</sup> PASSING THIS BILL

THANK YOU

RICK SHERMAN

RUCH, OR

Dear Representative Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to Sponsor HB 2469.

I am a farmer who has been growing vegetables in Williams for 6 years, and feel strongly that GMOs harm my business. Please sponsor

this bill.

Sincerely,

Thomas Field Redding  
Williams, OR

Dear Sen. Herman Baertschiger JR.

I am writing to ask you to sponsor HB 2469. I am a farmer and I live in Josephine County. HB2469 will help me to continue to grow my business through marketing related to our Gmo free zone. HB2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered plant Ordinance passed by local Citizens in May 2014. I voted for it and I am asking you to be a hero for Josephine County and stand up for the will of the people in Josephine County. Please sponsor this bill on behalf of Josephine County.

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Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope we can count on you to be our legislative champion by signing on as a sponsor to this bill.

Sincerely, Tim Brady, Williams, Oregon

Thank you!



2/18/17

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of this bill.

Sincerely, Naomi Bizer,  
Williams, OR

May 10. 2017

Dear Rep. Diane Stark,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor HB2469.  
I am a local farmer and I live in Jos. County.  
HB2469 will help me continue to grow food and  
live the way I believe to be most beneficial to  
my health and the environment.  
Please stand with the majority vote, and support  
HB2469.

Thank you for supporting us, and the majority vote  
in Josephine County

Sincerely,

Sarahita Kalafat

Feb. 10th. 2017

Dear Rep. Carl Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor HB 2469.

I am a local farmer and I live in Josephine County. HB 2469 will help me continue to grow food, and consume food the way I believe to be the most beneficial to my health and the environment.

HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Jos. Co. to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in May 2014. I voted for it and I am asking you to be a hero for Josephine County and stand up for the will of the people in Josephine County. Please sponsor this bill on behalf of Josephine County.

Thank you for voting yes, and supporting the will of the majority of voters in Josephine County.

Sincerely,

Saralita Kalafat

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vote in Josephine County.

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Sarahita Kalafat

Dear Rep Carl Wilson,

Feb 12, 2017

I am a farmer, land owner and citizen of Josephine County.

I am a business owner with an annual revenue of \$39000. I am writing to ask you to Sponsor HB 2469.

This bill will help my business survive and thrive by marketing my products from a GMO free zone.

Please Sponsor this bill, to benefit our long term survival as a community with thriving agriculture.

Sincerely,

Kristin Oldham  
Madrona Family Farm  
Grants Pass, OR  
97527

Dear Rep Duane Stark

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Sincerely,

Dave Oldham  
Madrona Family Farm  
507 Hidden Valley Rd  
Grants Pass OR 97527

Dear Sen Herman Baertschiger Jr, Feb 12, 2017

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Sincerely,

Dore Oldham  
Madrona Family Farm  
507 Hidden Valley Rd  
Crook Pass OR 97527

2/17/17

To: Rep. Duane Stark —

I'm writing to ask you to  
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I am a voter in Josephine County who  
has lived here for almost 20 years.  
I voted for Measure 17-58 in 2014  
and I want to see the will of  
the voters become law in Josephine  
County.

HB 2469 provides the legislative  
means for this county to enforce  
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I ask you to be our legislative  
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on ... this bill

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2/17/17

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MARCH 3rd 2017

Janyce Prall

500 A NE F ST #104  
Grants Pass OR 97526

SEN HERMAN BAERTSCHIGER JR.

900 COURT ST NE S-403

SALMON OR 97301

RE: SPONSOR HB2469

DEAR SEN BAERTSCHIGER

I AM A CITIZEN OF THE U.S. IN OREGON. I RESIDE IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY. I AM WRITING TO YOU TO ASK THAT YOU SPONSOR HB2469

HB2469 PROVIDES THE LEGISLATIVE MEANS FOR JOCO TO ENFORCE THE GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PLANT ORDINANCE PASSED BY LOCAL CITIZENS IN MAY 2014. YES! I VOTED FOR IT AND EXPECT THAT YOU WILL GO FORWARD AS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE VOTED AND STAND UP FOR JOCO. PLEASE SPONSOR THIS BILL.

HB2469 WILL PROTECT OUR FAMILY FARMS AS WE ARE A BIO-REGION RICH IN DIVERSITY OF MOSTLY SMALL FARMS WITH MANY OF THEM GROWING SEED. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PROTECT THESE RESOURCES FROM CONTAMINATION VIA POLLEN DRIFT. THE ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE IS THE "RIGHT THING TO DO". PLEASE SPONSOR HB2469.

Thank you

Sincerely

Janyce Prall  
(Janyce Prall)  
541-218-5945

c.c. Mary Middleton

MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2017

JANYCE PRALL  
560 A NE F ST. #104  
GRANTS PASS OR 97526

REP DUANE STARK  
900 COURT ST NE H-372  
Salem OR 97301

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THE WILL OF THE VOTERS OF JOCO TO BAN GE CROPS IS CLEAR &  
UNWAVERING. PLEASE SPONSOR THIS BILL. THANK YOU.

Sincerely  
Janyce Prall  
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541-218-5915

C.C. MAXY MIDDLETON

MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

JANYCE PRALL  
560 A NE F ST #104  
GRANTS PASS OR 97526

REP. CARL WILSON  
900 COURT ST. NE H-390  
SALEM, OR 97301

RE: I AM ASKING YOU TO SPONSOR HB 2469

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C.C. Mary Middleton

February 27, 2017

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Salem, OR 97301

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Sincerely,

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Joyce L. Backus  
132 Mini Lane  
Grants Pass, Or.97527

February 28, 2017

Rep. Carl Wilson  
900 Court St NE, H-390  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Wilson,

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Josephine county is a uniquely beautiful area of wilderness, small towns and small family farms. We understand living in harmony with the land and each other, and we take it pretty seriously.

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Shalom Caples  
716 NE 12th Street  
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March 1, 2017

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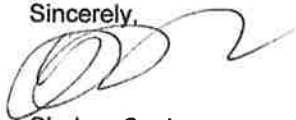
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Sincerely,



Shalom Caples

Grants Pass, OR

Dear Rep. Carl Wilson,

2/28/17

I am a citizen in Josephine  
County and a home  
gardener, who eats organic  
foods - whenever possible.

HB 2469 provides the  
legislative means for Josephine  
Co to enforce the Genetically  
Engineered Plant Ordinance - 5/14  
Please sponsor this bill on behalf  
of the County. Thank-you, Jean Mount

Hear Rep. Duane Stark,

As a Josephine County citizen and  
home gardener, I support  
local control of agriculture  
HB 2469.

This bill will protect  
our family farms in Josephine  
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means for Josephine CO to enforce  
the Genetically Engineered  
Plant Ordinance passed by citizens  
May 2014. Thank you for voting  
"Yes" on HB 2469.  
Sincerely,  
Jesse Simon

Dear Sen Herman Baertschiger Jr,  
I am a citizens home gardener  
in Josephine County who  
voted for the Genetically Engineered  
Plant Ordinance passed by local  
citizens in May 2014.

I am requesting you sponsor  
HB 2469 on behalf of Josephine County  
The ability to implement this Ordinance  
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home gardeners of this county.  
Thank you for voting "Yes"  
on HB 2469

Sincerely  
Jan Marie



March 8, 2017

Christine Ransom  
1011 Slate Creek Rd  
Wilderville, OR 97543

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900 Court Street, NE, H-390  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Wilson,

Please help us by SPONSORING HB 2469.

I am a mother of three and live in rural Josephine County. We have 10 acres and grow our own food for year-round consumption. We moved out here 14 years ago because we were attracted to the long growing season and the general mind set of co-existing with nature. One of the special things about this area is the ability to grow many different varieties of produce, which we know comes from years (and decades) of collecting new seed imprinted by nature. My husband and I grew up in Kansas where the soil and water has been excessively polluted with pesticides, fertilizer, and other chemicals. We come from families that have been/are wheat, soy and corn farmers. We know first-hand the pros and cons of using GMO. Because of this unique climate, the cons will surely out-weigh the pros. If it was allowed in, there'd be no way to control its spread.

Josephine County is full of small family farms just like mine and HB2469 will help protect our land and crops. If GMO is allowed into our unique bioregion, our crops will be tainted and altered by its pollen. This could potentially eliminate some crucial strains. Science has proven to us that diversity is the key to life and balance. Let's keep it the way nature intended. Please sponsor this bill in honor of the land. Please assist us keeping our land and crops diverse.

The people of Josephine County voiced their opinion in May of 2014. You can back us up by sponsoring HB2469. We appreciate and thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Christine Ransom

Valarie Schwan  
PO Box 130  
Wilderville, Oregon

March 7, 2017

Representative Duane Stark  
900 Court St NE, H-372  
Salem, OR 97301

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Valarie Schwan

Wilderville, Oregon 97543

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www.clubnw.com

**To: Rep. Duane Stark** 503-986-1404, 541- 237-9851  
900 Court St NE, H-372  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Representative Stark,

**I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR HB 2469.**

I am a business owner and I live in Josephine County.

I am a business owner with 135 employees and an annual revenue of 5.25 million dollars. HB2469 will help me to continue to grow my business through marketing related to our GMO Free Zone.

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Scott Draper

Grants Pass Business Owner



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900 Court St. NE, H-390  
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**To: Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr.** 503-986-1702, 541-787-1702  
900 Court St NE, S-403  
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9335 Takilma Rd.

Cave Junction, OR 97523

(541)415-1549

February 25, 2017

I AM WRITING TO ASK YOU TO SPONSOR HB 2469.

As a local business owner, naturopathic doctor, organic gardener and seed saver, this bill is important to me. My family moved to Josephine County in 2006 for the clean air, water and forests. I continue to give daily thanks for the opportunity to live here. However, I am deeply concerned about the threat of contamination via pollen drift from genetically modified crops, such as what is happening with Scotts brand genetically modified creeping bent grass, which is now threatening the grass seed industry in Oregon. (source: The Oregonian, 1/8/17) As a doctor, I am also not yet convinced that genetically modified food crops are safe for human consumption.

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Local control of agriculture makes good sense here in southern Oregon. The ability to implement the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance will protect the many family farmers making a living here in Josephine County. It will also protect home gardeners, including my family and my patients growing their own food for optimal health.

Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope we can count on you<sup>to</sup> to be our legislative champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dr. Margaret Philhower, ND  
www.drmargaret.org

CC for  
Mary Middleton  
PO Box 1183  
Grants Pass, OR  
97528



Nathan Miller  
172 Fall Run Dr  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Representative Duane Stark  
900 court Street, NE, H-372  
Salem, Oregon 97301

February 24, 2017

Dear Duane Stark,

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I am a father and business owner in Josephine County. Much of the food I put on my table each and every day comes from local organic farmers right here in Grants Pass. One of the primary reasons I live here and locate my business that employs 10+ people in Grants Pass, is the availability of quality local organic produce.

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With gratitude,

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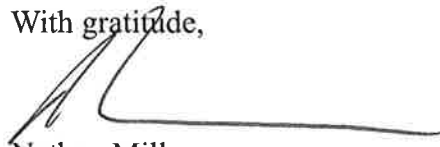
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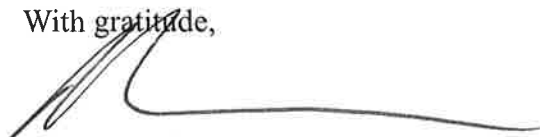
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Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope you will also be our legislative Champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill.

Sincerely,  
Allie Martin-Williams Resident

P.S. I am also sending a copy of this letter to Mary Middleton, Director of Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families

Shevlin Ryan  
247 SW Rogue River Ave, Apt A  
Grants Pass, OR 97526-2943

February 23, 2017

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Salem, OR 97301

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Sincerely,



Shevlin Ryan  
(541) 295-9110  
shevlinr@gmail.com

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PO Box 150  
Williams OR 97544

February 16, 2017

Dear Senator Herman Baertshciger Jr.,

We are writing to ask you to sponsor HB 2469.

James and I are farmers and business owners. We have lived in Josephine County for 28 years.

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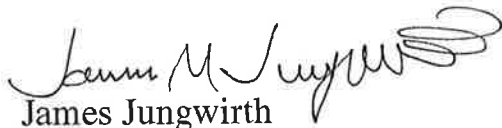
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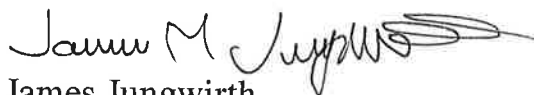
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February 19, 2017

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I was born and raised in Williams and have lived here for 27 years in Josephine County.

I am working at a local orchard which sells non-gmo fruit and nuts. I am also an avid gardener and I voted to keep Josephine County GMO free, in 2014.

I voted for it because I wanted to have access to non-gmo food and seeds. There are many local farms in Josephine county, especially seed farms which need to be protected from contamination from pollen drifting from GMO crops.

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Inka Rein Jungwirth

February 19, 2017

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Sincerely



Inka Rein Jungwirth

Tommy Lothamer  
1960 Eastfork rd  
Williams OR, 97544

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Williams OR

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Williams OR 97544

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Emily C. Otte  
Williams, OR

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Sheila M Frost  
2024 Opie Place  
Grants Pass, OR 97527  
sticnstones@gmail.com

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sticnstones@gmail.com

February 20, 2017

Rep. Carl Wilson  
900 Court St NE, H-390  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Sir,

I am respectfully asking that you sponsor HB 2469 as I am a concerned citizen of Josephine County. HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in Mary 2014, of which I voted.

HB 2469 will protect small family farms in Josephine County. We are a unique bio-region with mostly small farms, many of them growing seeds. HB 2469 will help protect the farmers from the threat of contamination via pollen drift (due to no fault of their own).

Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope we can count on you to be our legislative champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill. I thank you for your consideration as I believe this is the will of the people in Josephine County.

Sincerely,



Sheila M Frost  
2024 Opie Place  
Grants Pass, OR 97527  
sticnstones@gmail.com

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I am a retired businesswomen living in Josephine County as well as working in and enjoying my large organic garden. I donate much of my produce to the Josephine County food share program.

I am writing to ask you to sponsor House Bill 2469.

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Sincerely Patricia Finley  
Grants Pass



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E. OTTE

606 Latigo Ranch Rd.  
Williams, OR 97544

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Emily C. Otte  
Williams, OR



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Sincerely,

Emily. Otte

Williams, OR

Laura Mayer  
P.O. Box 357  
Williams, OR 97544

February 19, 2017

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Sincerely,

Laura Mayer

Laura Mayer  
P.O. Box 357  
Williams, OR 97544

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Sincerely,

Laura Mayer

Feb 16, 2017

Dear Representative Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to sponsor  
HB 2469.

I am a resident of Williams, OR &  
moved here specifically because of the  
clean environmental practices.

The people of Josephine County already  
passed this measure by a huge majority  
in May 2014. I am asking you to now  
to represent the true will OF YOUR

CONSTITUENTS & sponsor this bill.

HB 2469 will protect our families & our environment.  
We are a unique bioregion with a high percentage  
of small farms. We are also a Seed Sanctuary  
designated area & this vital ~~seed~~ calling would  
be threatened by contamination via pollen  
drift. All would be lost.

I hope we can count on you.

Sincerely, Michelle Ava 2250 Cedar Flat W<sup>OR</sup> 97594

Laurel Steinberg

P.O. box 156

Williams, OR 97544

February 17, 2017

Dear Representative Carl Wilson,

I am a small business owner and have lived in Josephine county for over 23 years. Almost three years ago we passed ~~HB2469~~ an ordinance to ban GMOs from our region. It was clearly the will of the people yet it was overturned. I am asking that you take a stand for democracy and Josephine county and sponsor HB2469 on behalf of the people of Josephine county.

Sincerely,

Laurel Steinberg

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Po Box 156

Williams, OR 97544

February 17, 2017

Dear Senator Herman Baertschiger

I am writing to ask you to please take a stand for the will of the people and sponsor HB2469.

In May of 2014 Josephine County overwhelmingly passed a bill to ban genetically engineered plants from being grown in our county. HB2469 would provide the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce this ordinance. Please ensure that the will of the people prevails by sponsoring this ~~bill~~ bill.

HB2469 will protect Family Farms in Josephine County.

I hope that I can count on you to sponsor this bill.

Sincerely,

Laural Starberg  
PO Box 156  
Williams, OR 97544  
February 17, 2017

Dear Representative Duane Stark;

I am writing to ask you to please take a stand and sponsor HB2469.

In May of 2014 Josephine county overwhelmingly passed an ordinance to ban the growing of Genetically Engineered plants. ~~Ordinance~~ This was soon overturned by another bill in Salem. HB2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine county to enforce the will of the people.

I hope that I can count on you to sponsor this bill.

Sincerely,

Laural Starberg





Nathan Plante  
780 Kincaid Rd.  
Williams, OR 97544

February 19, 2017

Dear, Rep. Duane Stark

I am writing to ask you to Sponsor  
HB2469. We here in Josephine County  
really care about our food, water, and health  
and we deserve the right to know if our food  
is GMO.

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Josephine County. We are a unique bioregion  
with mostly small farms, many of which grow  
seed. This Bill will help protect our farmers from  
the threat of contamination via pollen drift.

Thank you in advance for voting yes on  
this bill!

Sincerely, Nathan Plante  
Williams, OR

Nathan Plante  
780 Kincaid Rd.  
Williams, OR 97544

February 19, 2017

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care about our food, water, and health and  
we want to see an end to GMO crops!  
This bill will help protect our family farms  
and prevent contamination of cross pollination. We  
want clean seed and no petro chemicals to seep  
the water and environment

Thank you in advance for voting YES on  
HB 2469, we want to be role models for  
the state and country!

Sincerely, Nathan Plante  
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- am writing to ask you to Sponsor HB2469.  
- am a farmer and have lived in Josephine  
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Ordinances passed by local citizens in May 2014. I voted  
in it, and I am asking you to be a hero for our County  
and stand up for the will of the people in this County. Please  
sponsor this bill on behalf of Josephine County.  
Please help us protect family farms and seed saving in  
our unique bio region!

Thank you in advance for voting yes on this bill!

Sincerely, Nathan Plante  
Williams, OR

Rep. Duane Stark  
900 Court St. N.E. H-372  
Salem, OR 97301

February 19, 2017

Dear Representative Stark,

As a resident and small farmer in Josephine County I am writing to ask you to Please Support HB2469. This bill will allow Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance which we as local citizens of Josephine County passed in May of 2014.

I am a small farmer and am greatly concerned about the threat of contamination that GMO production presents to our local seed growers as well as to individual gardeners. Many of the farmers in Josephine County rely on their status as Organically Certified Seed Producers and if contaminated, could easily lose their livelihoods.

Thank you for your support of HB2469. We as small farmers will be grateful for your part in supporting the enforcement of a law that was passed by a majority of the voters of Josephine County who wish to remain independent from the dominance of outside influences which affect our, and our family's livelihoods.

Sincerely,

Christina Strelva  
Hounds Reach Farm  
Williams, Oregon

wolfh@oigp.net

Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr.  
900 Court St. N.E., S-403  
Salem, OR 97301

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Copy of my letter ♥ Thanks So much for all you do

I am writing to ask you to Support / Sponser  
HB 2469

I am a concerned citizen and mother in Josephine County. The effects of allowing GMO crops to be planted is potentially disastrous. Once let into the Eco System there is no undoing it. As GMO is a basic idea that some see could create benefits, the intent behind GMO crops today is dangerous. Crops with seed created to be sterile could cause havoc to plants in the wild that cross pollinate. Also leaving farmers at the mercy of big Seed Corporations, while our heirloom varieties become non-existent. GMO crops today are bred to withstand high amounts of pesticides which is then allowing more and more toxic pesticides into our food, soil and water. IT IS COMMON SENSE to protect places from GMO crops. there is no evidence that they are safe for consumption or for surrounding eco systems.

Allowing big Companies with their eye on the dollar is never worth the damage it can cause. IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE to protect fragile areas with unique bio-regions and organic agriculture.

Josephine County is one of these places.

HB 2469 protects not only our beautiful and unique eco systems, it also protects the many organic farms and Seed Companies here, which create many jobs and healthy food now and in the future for our local communities.

Thank you for voting YES on HB 2469 and doing your part to protect the plants, animals, and people who call Josephine County Home. with love Amber LaPointe

Williams  
OR

Matt Stern and Robin Gossett  
PO Box 164  
Williams OR 97544

February 23, 2017

Dear Representative Duane Stark,

We are writing to ask you to sponsor HB 2469.

Robin and I are gardeners and parents. We have lived in Josephine County for 9 years. Robin is currently in nursing school, and I have a part-time day job and run my own internet-based business.

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Williams OR 97544

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Greetings Rep. Duane Stark, Rep. Carl Wilson,  
and Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr.

I am writing to ask that you Sponsor the house bill 2469.

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I live in Josephine County, and voted in May of 2014  
in favor of protecting our local farmers from  
contamination from GMO Crops.

I grow a garden, sell and buy local produce here in  
Josephine County. Many people here will only buy produce  
if it is grown without the use of Genetic Engineering,  
and that makes the crops we grow here (GMO-free) even  
more valuable.

I urge you to support all the hardwork the many  
Citizens of Josephine County have done to create  
a GMO free zone.

Thank you for your time, and for voting yes and  
Sponsoring HB2469!

Kind Regards,  
Alisa Ocean  
O'Brien, OR

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mary Middleton,  
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February 18, 2017

Dear Sen. Herman Baertschiger,

Please help with House Bill 2469 to return local control of GMO crops to the counties. Josephine County has been my home for 16 years ... such a beautiful pristine place. Organic crops grow well here, and keep me and my friends healthy. This ancient location is perfect for growing maternal seed and maternal crops. We voted two years ago to keep it this way. Switzerland's Syngenta couldn't grow GMO crops there, so they tried it here, and we said no! Altering nature can lead to unknown dangers. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Martha Shonkwerke

Grants Pass OR

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Martha Shonkuba  
Grants Pass OR

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Williams, Oregon Grange No. 399  
P.O. Box 121  
Williams OR 97544

Representative Carl Wilson  
900 Court St. NE, H-390  
Salem OR 97301

Dear Representative Wilson:

We, the officers and members of Williams Grange No. 399 write this letter to ask you, our Representative, to SPONSOR HB 2469.

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HB 2469 will allow Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by County residents in May of 2014.

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We ask you to sponsor and to support HB 2469 on behalf of the farmers and other residents of Josephine County.

Voted and approved at the February 14, 2017 regular meeting of Williams Grange No. 399.

BOB MARSH  
Helm Howard Executive Committee  
Chris ex. committee  
Phil Chu OVERSEER  
Mikeley Brandeau Ex-Committee  
Donald J. Brandeau ER committee

Williams, Oregon Grange No. 399  
P.O. Box 121  
Williams OR 97544

Representative Dallas Heard  
900 Court St. NE, H-386  
Salem OR 97301

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BBT MASTER

Helm Howard membership/Executive Committee

CAM executive committee

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Kelly Brandeau EXEC COMMITTEE

Donald J Brandeau Exec. Committee



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Williams, Oregon Grange No. 399  
P.O. Box 121  
Williams OR 97544

Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr.  
900 Court St. NE, S-403  
Salem OR 97301

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Bob MASTER  
Helm Howard Executive Committee  
Ann exec. commitee  
Bob CHURCH OVERSEER  
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Kelly Brandean EXEC COMMITTEE

Lupine Knoll Farm  
Jonathan and Jessie Spero  
1225 Messinger Rd.  
Grants Pass OR 97527  
February 20, 2017

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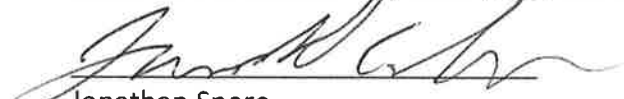
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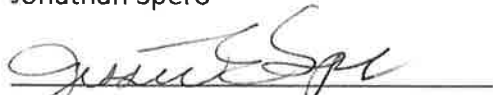
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Jonathan Spero

  
Jessie Spero

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Jonathan and Jessie Spero  
1225 Messinger Rd.  
Grants Pass OR 97527  
February 20, 2017

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900 Court St. NE, H-386  
Salem OR 97301

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2/16/17

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February 15, 2017

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[Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov)

From: Michelle Le Comte  
P.O. Box 218  
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541.218.1323  
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Michelle Le Comte  
Selma, OR 97538

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To: Rep. Carl Wilson  
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2-20-17

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Thank you for sponsoring this bill and being a champion for the voters of Josephine County.

Sincerely,

Karen Black

PO Box 352

Williams, OR 97544

2-20-17

Dear Representative Duane Stark,

I am writing to ask you to Sponsor HB 2469. I am a citizen of Josephine County and voted for the GE plant ordinance that passed overwhelmingly in May 2014. HB 2469 will provide the means for this ordinance to be enforced here in Josephine County, an economic benefit to our family farms and, especially, to our seed farmers. We are such an important bioregion and have already voted to protect from the possibility of pollen drift contamination which could cause huge economic harm.

Thank You for voting yes on this bill. By signing on to Sponsor HB 2469 you are a hero for Josephine County, standing up for the will of the people.

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I thank you for your support; past, present, and future.

Sincerely,  
Daniel D. Bowden  
Grants Pass

945 Azalea Drive  
Grants Pass, OR 97526



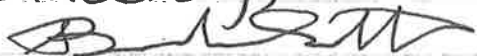
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Thank You for voting Yes on this. You have my support. Please support HB2469 by signing on as a sponsor.

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Brad J. Smith P.O. Box 346  
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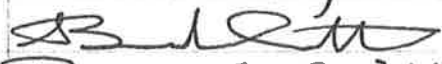
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Dear Representative Stark,

I am asking for your help. Please sponsor House bill 2469 and help get it onto the floor.

Many of us here, including me, raise food for ourselves and others and we save our seed. Our seed ~~is~~ is adapted to the Rogue Valley now, but if it were to be polluted by GMO ~~seed~~ pollen, it would no longer be my seed crop at all. I am just a small local vegetable gardener, not a farmer. But I see no advantage for any of our farmers here in growing crops whose pollen can ruin the crop of the farmers growing local crops and seeds!

I raise edamame. That is a soy that would be cross pollinated by roundup ready, GMO soy. Others have more at stake than I. But none of us should be forced to risk the taking of our local seed.

Genetically engineered animals do not trespass, but genetically engineered seed crops produce pollen, and pollen trespasses! The only protection from GE pollen is distance.

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Consider too that our small "Rogue" community  
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difference, our quality of life. The "Rogue Valley"  
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Thanks for your help.

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Charlotte G. Hatt  
1341 Washington Blvd  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

**Rep. Duane Stark**  
900 Court St. NE, H-372  
Salem, Oregon 97301



Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families  
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Grants Pass, OR 97528  
Director Mary Middleton

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March 9, 2017

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We own and operate an Oregon Tuth Certified Organic Farm: Hitoe Produce at Bluebird Farm. We have been Full time Certified Organic

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Farmers for over 30 years. We market large quantities of fruit, vegetables and seed crops. We employ many people. We grow Certified Organic Seeds on contract for large seed companies in the U.S.A. Our seeds have to pass purity and germination standards. This includes not showing any trace of genetically engineered genes. If any pollen from a genetically engineered crop pollinates a flower from a natural crop, genetic purity is lost; our crop would be then genetically contaminated. Therefore, if the slightest level of genetic contamination is

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detected, we don't get paid for the crop. This means after a full season of work and investment in a given seed crop all of our time and money invested - is lost. There is no way to prevent genetically engineered crop pollen from drifting and travelling in the wind. We also grow the majority of the seed we plant on the farm, for food crops, as many farmers do. If GMO pollen affects any of these crops they lose their genetic integrity, become harmful to people's health, and make it illegal for us to use the seed. GMO crop cultivation is not compatible with natural crop cultivation, be it

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certified organic, or conventional.

Another important issue is that the cultivation of GMO crops has led to an extreme increase in the amount of pesticide being used in conventional farming. This results in the poisoning of all life forms - humans, soil, water and air. We have the right to protect ourselves and our environment. Please do what's right! Pass Bill 2469!!

Thank you for voting YES on this Bill.

The people of Josephine County Sincerely appreciate it.

Cheryl and Michele Scherer  
Hi He Produce at  
Bluebird Farm  
Williams, Oregon

Subject **Supporting citizens against growing GMO foods in Josephine County, Oregon**  
From <migolito1@peoplepc.com>  
To <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-16 11:27  
Priority Normal



***I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR House Bill 2469.***

I am a Sandra Morgan-Carter, citizen,  
home owner and gardner residing in Josephine County, Oregon.

I am a home owner, gardener and farmer of food for my consumption. I do not want to grow or consume Genetically Modified Food,

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Sandra Morgan-Carter

Subject **HB 2469**  
From <mmooshie@frontier.com>  
<Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us>,  
To <Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov>,  
<Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov>,  
<MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-16 14:44  
Priority Normal



We the people have a right to know what's in our food, what's in the soil it was grown in, what is or isn't sprayed on our food. The people of Josephine County have already expressed their overwhelming desire to declare our county GMO free. The State should not have the option of denying us the right to decide what our local food production looks like. In this unique biodiverse area of Oregon, we are already the victims of horrific and toxic logging practices that are poisoning our air, our water, our soil. To add to this outrage an inability to decide that we want non-GMO food grown here is one more added injury. I strongly implore you to pass HB 2469 and give the people back our right to decide how we want to live...and eat. I will be following this bill through the legislature and, if you care, I VOTE.

3/13/2017

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Subject **Copy of letters**  
From Jan Albright <albright51@gmail.com>  
To MaryMiddleton@osff.org <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-16 15:39



I sent the 3 letters off. They are all a bit different, I'll spend you the last one I wrote, always the best!

Jan Albright and my husband Glen Price signed the postcards.  
Please put me on your email list, I got the email from a friend.

We are writing to you to ask you to sponsor HB2469. We voted to ban GMO crops from our county (Josephine) in May, 2014. We were very dismayed when the state took away the rights of counties to control GMO crops. Please vote yes on this bill so we can enforce the voters wishes, no GMO crops in our county!

I am asking that you sponsor House Bill 2469.

This bill provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by the citizens of Josephine County back in May of 2014. I voted in favor of this Ordinance and was thrilled when it passed though I knew further steps would be necessary to enforce and maintain this victory.

My name is Richard, I am a business owner and citizen of Josephine County. I moved here 10 years ago to enjoy all that southern Oregon has to offer including farm fresh products not produced with herbicides, pesticides or genetically modified seed. These topics were a huge part of why I chose Josephine county as the place to call home. You as a elected representative of the people now have an opportunity to up hold what the majority of Josephine & Jackson county citizens voted in favor of back in 2014.

House Bill 2469 will protect our family farms here is Josephine county, a very unique area worked by our local families who's wish is to protect the crops and soils that help feed local communities in Southern Oregon. Many of these farms produce seeds for themselves and the region which would be venerable to contamination via pollen drift due to no fault of their own.

We have many diverse protected places in the United States and we should also have protected farm lands free of the threat of contamination to our water, soils and crops.

Please be a HERO and stand up for the citizens who voted for you!

You who represent their view, their voice.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Richard Friedman - Grants Pass, Oregon



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From dr.paulhgoff@frontier.com <dr.paulhgoff@frontier.com>  
Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us <Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us>,  
Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov  
To <Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov>,  
Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov  
<Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov>  
Cc MaryMiddleton@osff.org <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-17 01:47



Dear Sirs,

I am a retired doctor who is now an organic farmer in Josephine County. I am asking you to support House Bill 2469. HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in May 2014. I voted for it, and I am asking you to stand up for the will of the people in this County. Please sponsor this bill.

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Thank you  
Paul Goff

Subject **Fwd: Please SPONSOR House Bill 2469**  
From Sara Katz <sara9@me.com>  
To <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-17 10:07



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sara Katz <sara9@me.com>  
**Subject:** Please SPONSOR House Bill 2469  
**Date:** February 17, 2017 at 9:05:26 AM PST  
**To:** [Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov)

Dear Representative Baertschiger,

I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR House Bill 2469.

I am a business owner I live in Josephine County.

I am a business owner with over 100 employees and an annual revenue of \$25M. HB2469 will help me to continue to grow my business through marketing related to our GMO Free Zone.

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To <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-17 10:07



Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sara Katz <sara9@me.com>  
**Subject:** Please SPONSOR House Bill 2469.  
**Date:** February 17, 2017 at 9:04:36 AM PST  
**To:** [Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov)

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P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mary Middleton, Director of Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families. Addresses

Sincerely,

Sara Katz  
Williams, Oregon 97544

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February 17, 2017

Rep. Duanne Stark  
900 Court St. NE, H-372  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Amy Peterson  
PO Box 873  
Cave Junction, Oregon 97523

Dear Representative Stark,

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Cave Junction, Oregon

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February 17, 2017

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Subject **HB 2469**  
From Mark W <wildfarm1@earthlink.net>  
To <Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov>  
Date 2017-02-18 22:15



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Dear Representative Wilson,

I have owned and operated Pacific Botanicals LLC in Grants Pass for 38 years. I believe we are the largest agricultural employer in Josephine county for the last 20 years. We are one of the oldest continuously certified Organic farms in the country. We do \$4,000,000 of revenue a year.

I am very supportive of HB 2469 to protect the numerous family farms in our county. As you know a few years back our county unanimously voted to ban the growing of GMO crops here. Please support us by voting yes on HB 2469.

Sincerely,

Mark W Wheeler  
Pacific Botanicals LLC  
Grants Pass, OR 97527



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From: Mark W <wildfarm1@earthlink.net>  
To: <Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov>  
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Subject **letter to sponsors of HB 2469**  
From WCFP <info@williamscommunityforestproject.org>  
To <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-19 11:42



*I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR House Bill 2469.*

I am a farmer in Josephine County and the passage of HB 2469 is important to myself and family. Contamination from GMO plants is particularly threatening to our organic farm.

HB 2469 "Allows local government to inhibit or prevent production or use of seed or seed products for purpose of protecting seed or products that are not genetically engineered from adverse impacts of genetically engineered seed or products or if enforcing local measure approved by county voters on May 20, 2014"

I voted for the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by Josephine County citizens in May 2014 and am asking you as an elected official to uphold the needs of the citizens and sponsor HB 2469.

Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope I can also count on you to be our legislative champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mary Middleton, Director of Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Bruner and Jim Larrabee  
Cherry Gulch Farm  
PO Box 493  
Williams, Oregon 97544

Subject **House Bill 2469**  
From Hilary Jones <hilarysjones@gmail.com>  
To <Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us>  
Cc <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-19 18:23



Dear Representative Carl Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR House Bill 2469.

I live and vote in Oregon and want to help remove the oppression of SB863, which denies local counties the right to control their own food economy. I feel it is very important to speak up for local democracy!

HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in May 2014. I am asking you to be a legislative hero for Josephine County and stand up for the will of the people in this County. Please sponsor this bill on behalf of Josephine County.

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Sincerely,  
Hilary Jones  
Portland

as a consumer I am  
you sponsor HB2469 to protect  
small farms + gardens from co  
tation from GMO seeds that go a

This bill will protect our fa  
run farms.

Thank you for considering  
action.

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Senator Baertschiger,

I am writing to ask that you sponsor House Bill 2469 which would allow Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by Josephine County citizens almost 3 years ago in May of 2014.

I hope that you will honor the will of the people in Josephine County.

The majority of citizens in our county voted that the farm land here be free of GE and GM plants and seed.

I have a very diverse garden on my 10 acre parcel and feel blessed that I do not need to worry about this garden becoming contaminated with GE or GM seed that has drifted from neighboring farms and gardens which would be beyond my control. Josephine and Jackson Counties are a last refuge of sorts, a small area containing farm land not being used to grow Genetically Engineered or Modified seeds. I feel this is good for the economic growth of our counties and very good for Oregon, which, I am sure will become a safe haven for foods not produced with GE seed. This was a huge part of why I chose to move here in 2007. Healthier food, water and soil make for happy people and happy people build better communities that move Oregon forward in a positive way. I am so very lucky to be part of the process, and you can too.

Please, be a legislative hero for Josephine County and stand up for the will of the people. Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope we can also count on you to be our legislative champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill.

Thank you for your time and attention Senator Herman Baertschiger Jr.  
Sincerely,

Amber Friedman - Murphy, Oregon  
541 862 9932  
fri112@aol.com

Subject **FW: letter to rep**  
From <mary@gmofreejosephinecounty.org>  
To <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-22 16:38



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**From:** Jack Dwyer [mailto:dwyer@cavenet.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** Mary Middleton <mary@gmofreejosephinecounty.org>  
**Subject:** letter to rep

Dear sir:

As a longterm resident of Josephine County, I am asking you to sponsor and vigorously support bill 2469 currently being considered in Salem.

In May 2014 our county's voters considered the arguments, pro and con, concerning our ballot measure to ban GMO agriculture and by a wide margin we voted to thus protect our organic seed and food providers from pollen contamination in our narrow local valleys. Once we learned the close connection between GMO agriculture and heavy pesticide use, we also voted to protect our waterways and our health.

The election pitted a local group of volunteers against a campaign financed by large corporations. This was not a partisan issue. Supporters of the ban were found across the political spectrum: local control advocates, supporters of local businesses, those worried about threats to public health. In an age when many citizens have become disillusioned by political processes that favor the rich and powerful, this was a victory for all who would like to see our democracy revitalized, who would hope that we can reach across our differences to find common ground. The preemption of our local decision by the state of Oregon reinforced the belief that we no longer have government of, by, and for the people. As a patriotic American, I want to do all I can to bolster my fellow citizens' belief in our political system.

Please support the decision your constituents made at the ballot box. Please use your considerable influence in Salem by sponsoring this bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John M. "Jack" Dwyer

Sent to Wilson, Baertschiger, and Stark



Subject **Copy of letter: Please sponsor HB 2469**  
From Carol Valentine <carol@gmofreejosephinecounty.org>  
To Mary Middleton <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-22 21:38



Hiya Mary,

Sending my letters snail mail tomorrow and will make you a hard copy, but thought I'd send to you by email, too.  
CV

Dear ,

I am writing today to ask you to sponsor HB 2469, the Local Control Bill.

Since contamination issues came to the forefront in Southern Oregon in 2012, I have been involved in the effort to protect Josephine County's local non-GMO farmers.

As the Illinois Valley organizer during the campaign to pass measure 17-58, the Josephine County Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance, I spoke with hundreds of IV citizens from Hayes Hill to the California border who were alarmed by the presence of outside corporations using our local farmland for GMO test plots. The overwhelming majority believed that GE pollen drift in our narrow valley, plus runoff of undisclosed chemicals into our local water, were threats that warrant restriction by our county.

In the Illinois Valley and throughout rural areas of Josephine County, local food is produced not only by many small family farmers, but by hundreds, if not thousands, of backyard gardeners who also need protection for the seeds they grow and save. Republican, Democratic, and Independent voters have found common ground in our county over protection of our food, water, and local economy.

When it comes to agricultural crops, local control makes sense. Southern Oregon is a vastly different growing region from that of other parts of the state. Please stand with the voters of Josephine County and become a sponsor of HB 2469.

Sincerely,

Carol (Shloss) Valentine  
6545 Lakeshore Dr.  
Selma, OR 97538

Subject **Fwd: Sponsor HB 2469**  
From Regan Emmons <hoawa.girl@gmail.com>  
To <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-25 00:13



Hey Mary, Sorry that I didn't send this your way sooner, I must have been tired that night, I sent them to the other two reps as well, let me know if you need them,  
Regan Emmons

It always seems impossible until its done. -Nelson Mandela

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From: **Regan Emmons** <[hoawa.girl@gmail.com](mailto:hoawa.girl@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 10:11 PM  
Subject: Sponsor HB 2469  
To: [rep.carlwilson@state.or.us](mailto:rep.carlwilson@state.or.us)

Dear Rep. Carl Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR HB 2469.

I am a citizen of Josephine County. I am very involved in the food system and I think that there is tremendous economic potential for seed farmers in this region, but this potential can only be fully met if farmers can be assured that their seed is GMO Free.

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Sincerely, Regan Emmons, Grants Pass

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: **Fwd: Sponsor HB 2469**  
From: Regan Emmons <hoawa.girl@gmail.com>  
To: Mary Middleton <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date: 2017-02-26 07:22



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From: **Regan Emmons** <[hoawa.girl@gmail.com](mailto:hoawa.girl@gmail.com)>  
Date: Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 10:14 PM  
Subject: Sponsor HB 2469  
To: [Sen.HermanBaertschiger@state.or.us](mailto:Sen.HermanBaertschiger@state.or.us)

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Subject **hb 2469**  
From willowswenson@frontiernet.net <willowswenson@frontiernet.net>  
To marymiddleton@osff.org <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-26 17:36



I have written and sent letters to Carl Wilson, Duane Stark, and Herman Baertschiger Jr asking them to sponsor hb 2469.

Thank you for taking the time and making the effort to do the right thing.

Subject **GMO FREE ZONE letters**  
From Janet Walker <spooky7@frontier.com>  
To <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-27 09:43



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Hi Mary, I wrote my 3 letters by hand but the FAX machine that I could make copies on is not working, so no copies to send you. Sorry. But I followed the sample letter and changed stuff around Said we owned 40acres in Selma, I and my husband and son had voted for the Ordinance and please sponsor HB2469, etc. etc

Hope this is OK

Janet Walker

PO Box 368  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

February 27, 2017

Rep. Duane Stark  
900 Court St. NE, H-372  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2469

Dear Representative Stark,

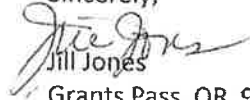
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Grants Pass, OR 97526

PO Box 368  
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900 Court St. NE, H-390  
Salem, OR 97301

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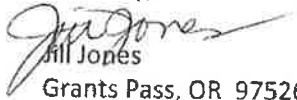
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Bill Jones

Grants Pass, OR 97526

PO Box 368  
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Jill Jones

Grants Pass, OR 97526



Subject **Fwd: Fw: Josephine County economic prosperity**  
From Mary Middleton <mathnerd11@gmail.com>  
To <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-27 22:11



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From: "Rob Pell" <[papapells@hotmail.com](mailto:papapells@hotmail.com)>  
Date: Feb 26, 2017 11:30 AM  
Subject: Fw: Josephine County economic prosperity  
To: "mary middleton" <[mathnerd11@gmail.com](mailto:mathnerd11@gmail.com)>  
Cc:

sent to all 3

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**From:** Rob Pell <[papapells@hotmail.com](mailto:papapells@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 11:28 AM  
**To:** [sen.hermanbaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:sen.hermanbaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov)  
**Subject:** Josephine County economic prosperity

Herman:

I'm writing to ask you to support HB 2469. This bill will be very good for the present and future of our Josephine County economy. Ten or 20 years ago this may not have been the case. However the future of sustainable profits from local agriculture is proving to be all about a commitment to organic, which means among other things, non-GMO growing methods.

As I'm sure you are aware, HB 2469 provides the legal means for JoCo to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by the local voters. I voted for it. The freedom for local farmers to be able grow, produce, and sell truly organic, non-GMO foods is one of the most important local issues for me.

HB 2469 will protect family farmers in JoCo from the threat of contamination from pollen drift. Pollen drift is unequivocally unavoidable and through no fault of their own often renders the efforts of organic farmers virtually worthless. This is especially true for local organic seed producers who sell their seeds all over the country. These seeds are often scientifically tested to ensure there are no traces of GMOs.

The Grants Pass Grower's Market provides an interesting study.

I would estimate that 15 years ago there were generally 2 or 3 booths there weekly centered around locally produced organic produce and artisan foods. While the Grower's market still has a few booths focused on conventionally produced foods (delicious donuts, hot dogs and the like) it is absolutely abundant and bursting with locally produced organic items. Organic has basically become the reason the majority of shoppers go there. One look anytime from May Thru Oct. is all it takes to verify that point.

Another point of interest. At my business, Sunshine Natural Foods in Grants Pass, we have featured an organic salad bar for over 2 decades. Until recently it was impossible for us to place standing weekly orders with local organic farmers for 3 or 4 cases of lettuce and other vegetables even during the summer. They couldn't reliably deliver in quantity. We had to import produce from the Willamette valley.

The last 2 to 3 years local organic farmers have been able to fulfill many more of our needs with consistent weekly deliveries of hundreds of pounds of beautiful produce. Organic farming has fully arrived in JoCo.

3/13/2017

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As I'm sure you're aware, many local vegetable farmers also grow pot. Clean pure products without the chemical residues that are part and parcel to GMO growing methods (glyphosate, etc) are critical for that industry as well.

In conclusion, I would hope that you sponsor and support HB 2469. It is a long-term step you can take to help bolster and ensure that JoCo economy has an industry that continues to thrive and expand.

Truly,

Rob Pell

Owner, Sunshine Natural Foods, Grants Pass

Subject **HB 2469**  
From Carla David <cardavid@yahoo.com>  
To Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us <Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us>  
Cc marymiddleton@osff.org <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-28 11:51



Hello Representative Wilson,

I am writing to ask you to support House Bill 2469.

I am a farmer and small business owner in Jackson County, Oregon, but I support GMO Free Zones everywhere!

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Sincerely,

Carla David  
Wild Wines  
4550 Little Applegate Rd.  
Jacksonville, OR 97530  
541-899-1565

Subject **HB 2469**  
From Carla David <cardavid@yahoo.com>  
To Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov  
<Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov>  
Cc marymiddleton@osff.org <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-28 11:51



Dear Representative Baertschiger,

I am writing to ask you to support House Bill 2469.

I am a farmer and small business owner in Jackson County, Oregon, but I support GMO Free Zones everywhere!

HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant ORdinance passed by local citizens in May 2014. I am asking you to be a legislative hero for Josephine County and stand up for the will of the people in Josephine County.

HB 2469 will protect family farms in Josephine County which is a unique bioregion with mostly small farms, many of which are growing seeds. HB 2469 will help protect our farmers and their livelihood from the threat of contamination via pollen drift.

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Subject **letter for GMO**  
From Beene, Susan <SBeene@roguecc.edu>  
Carl Wilson <Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us>,  
To <Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov>,  
<Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov>  
Cc <MaryMiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-02-28 13:59



I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR House Bill 2469.

I am a chicken farmer and gardener who lives in Josephine County.

HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in May 2014. I voted for it, and I am asking you to be a legislative hero for Josephine County and stand up for the will of the people in this County. Please sponsor this bill on behalf of Josephine County.

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Thank you for voting yes on this bill. I hope we can also count on you to be our legislative champion by signing on as a sponsor of this bill.

Sincerely,

*Susan Beene, Grants Pass, OR 97526*

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mary Middleton, Director of Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families.

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To: Representative Carl Wilson

I am writing to ask you to sponsor HB 2469.

HB 2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the GE plant ordinance that we, the citizens of Josephine County passed in May 2014.

As a citizen and father of 3, I am asking for you to be a hero in the name of Democracy. Our plant ordinance was passed by the people of Josephine County, despite the huge amount of opposition from big Biotech corporations. When they couldn't win fairly, these corporations then used legislative means to block the will of the citizens of our county.

I am asking you to restore the will of the people, so that my children will be able to have faith in our democratic system, and believe that our voices count.

I am asking you to do the right thing.

Thank you.

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Williams, OR 97544

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Peggye Angele Pratt

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Peyta Angela Pratt

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3600 Cedar Flat Rd  
Williams OR 97544



March 1, 2017

Rep. Carl Wilson  
900 Court St. NE, H-390  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Representative Wilson:

**I am writing to ask you to SPONSOR HB 2469.**

And I am hoping this letter finds you being well. As you know I am a chiropractor and live in Josephine County. HB2469 will help me to continue to grow my business through marketing related to our GMO Free Zone. It will also provide my patients and all of Josephine County a higher quality of local plant based whole foods that are so essential for health and vitality.

HB2469 provides the legislative means for Josephine County to enforce the Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance passed by local citizens in May 2014. I voted for it and I am asking you to be a hero for Josephine County and support the will of the people in Josephine County. Please sponsor this bill on behalf of Josephine County.

HB2469 will protect our family farms in Josephine County. We are a unique bio-region with mostly small farms, many of them growing seeds. HB2469 will help protect our farmers from the threat of contamination via pollen drift (and no fault of their own).

Thank you for voting yes on this bill. Your reputation of integrity would be a great boost to this effort if you would sign on as a sponsor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Edward Welch, DC, DACNB



March 1, 2017

Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr.  
900 Court St NE, S-403  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Baertschiger:

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Commissioner Lily Morgan

Dear Comissioner Morgan:

**I am writing to ask you to show support for HB 2469 by requesting our legislators to SPONSOR this bill.**

I am hoping this letter finds you being well. I am a chiropractor with four employees and live in Josephine County. I briefly met and talked with you while waiting in the que for last year's Boatnik Parade. I am a participant in the Community Safety Fair that was started last year through the Ford Family Foundation.

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Subject **sponser HB2469**  
From D P <dprall@hotmail.com>  
To rep.carlwilson@state.or.us <rep.carlwilson@state.or.us>  
Date 2017-03-02 17:03



I am a voter in Josephine County. Being a constituent I would like you to stand up for me to protect our food and farms against GMO pollen drift.

HB2469 seeks to amend ORS 633.738, passed in a special session in October 2013, which took away local governments' rights to regulate plants. HB2469 will provide Josephine County the legislative means to enforce its Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance, which our voters approved in May 2014 with a 58.2% vote. HB 2469 would provide the long overdue legislative means for Josephine County to enforce its Genetically Engineered Plant Ordinance.

The will of Josephine County voters to ban the genetically engineered crops in our county remains clear and unwavering. I appeal to you to sponsor this bill and support this effort for Josephine County. Thank you

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Grants Pass, OR



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From D P <dprall@hotmail.com>  
To Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov  
<Rep.DuaneStark@oregonlegislature.gov>  
Date 2017-03-02 17:07



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From Christine Gardiner <siskiyou.alpaca@gmail.com>  
To Rep. Carl Wilson <Rep.CarlWilson@state.or.us>  
Bcc <marymiddleton@osff.org>  
Date 2017-03-13 14:36



Honorable Rep. Wilson,

I'm writing to ask your support for HB 2469.

I'm a farmer in Josephine County, and I know firsthand, the benefits this bill will bring to our county. Our County and our State lead the world in small-scale farming, at a time of collapse of the industrial food system. This collapse is due in no small part to GMO Industrial Ag.

Our unique region is made up mostly of small farms. The People of Josephine County have spoken clearly, across party lines, in agreement to provide local control for protection of our local food system. Local control of farming makes sense because every growing region is unique.

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Thank you for voting yes on this bill. Can I count on you to be our legislative champion, by signing on as a sponsor of this bill?

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To Sen.HermanBaertschiger@oregonlegislature.gov  
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