

TO: Committee Administrator, House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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RE: Statement in support of HB 2469 for distribution to Committee members

As a small farm owner in Jackson County I want to urge the Committee to pass HB 2469 on to further consideration by the full House.

As you know, the Oregon Legislature in 2013 pre-empted local decision-making in regard to the regulation of genetically engineered seeds and crops.

HB 2469 would restore the right of local self-determination in these matters. Citizens and/or their representatives at the local level would again be able to draft, debate, and advocate for—or against—local legislation in response to the circumstances in their communities.

Although vague promises were made by state authorities in 2013 about addressing the biological and economic problems inherent in GE crops, no coherent action has been taken.

Power should be restored to the citizens to make necessary and important decisions affecting their communities.