

Dear Misty Freeman,

I have been growing and eating organic food for over 50 years. Please support HB 2469 and restore our farmers rights to have GMO-free Zones in Oregon. This will protect our specialty crops.

The beet family crops get devastated by GMO crops crossing over to genetically ruin non- GMO beet crops. Monsanto and other companies that sell GMO seeds have a terrifying record of trying to silence scientific studies that show how harmful these GMO crops are to our health and wealth.

To them it's all about cornering markets and bottom line corporate profits. It's not about feeding the world, nor about using less pesticides. Please see the documentary movie Merchants of Doubt and see how much corporations pay for PR and spreading lies about the testing, safety, and effectiveness of their products. If they were not controlling the perceptions of educated people they would not have a product and could not create an empire built on corrupting our food supplies with mutations of other living organisms.

To anyone who can do the research and understand the full extent of what GMO is about, it should never have been allowed to spread once it had been studied closely, but enough money and the right propaganda can silence the research that shows their failures and falsifying of reports and now they are spreading like a cancer.

Please don't listen to the corporate science and start listening to the battery of scientists who have no motive to protect the corporate profits. That community is growing ever larger and is easy enough to find that there's no way to avoid getting provable information. If you are not aware of this possibility please contact Organic Consumers Association and speak with Ron Cummins and he will put you in touch with the foremost respected scientists in this field who can prove why GMOs are so risky and how they pose risks to everyone including the many growers of organically grown crops.

Organically grown foods are not a niche market anymore, it's many billions of dollars in a fast growing industry that is being unfairly treated by ridiculous and patently unfair laws when their organic crops are overrun by GMO. Oregon should be able sue the GMO industry for their egregious spreading of its seeds unlawfully across large swaths of Oregon growing counties.

Please look closely and ask the right people to get involved, mainly those who aren't profiting from GMO proliferation.

Thanks.

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