March 16, 2017

Dear Ms. Freeman,

I am writing to urge the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources to support HB 2469. My family is not wealthy, but we pay the higher cost of organically-grown produce because we know it's healthier, both for us and the ecosystem. Preventing communities from protecting their farmland against GMO contamination hurts those of us on the consumer end of the food chain, who depend on the integrity of organically-grown crops.

I would be grateful if you would distribute this letter to committee members.

Thank you.

Regards, Katherine Showalter Portland, OR 97202