

I am a 59 year old Registered Dietitian Nutritionist living here in Portland (over 12 years now). I love Oregon for many reasons and hope to live here for the rest of my life. One of the great features of living here is the abundance of produce, especially organic produce and foods. I have been a vegetarian for 44 years and am very concerned about pesticides and genetically modified foods. I make every attempt to avoid these in my diet as much as possible, but it is getting harder and harder to do so, since these GMOs are infiltrating our entire food supply.

HB 2469 would restore the right of local farmers and communities to, among other things, protect their specialty crops and farmland by establishing GMO-free zones. I believe this bill is strongly needed and would be extremely beneficial for Oregon farmers. It would make GMO-free food more abundant.

Please do all you can to get this bill to a vote. I would appreciate it if you would distribute my comments to the other committee members. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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