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SB 1037 will **restore** counties' rights to protect local farmers' crops from harmful effects of genetically engineered crops. These rights were stripped in the 2013 special session with the passage of SB 863 in the Grand Bargain, which created a statewide preemption without corresponding protections for farmers.

Passage of SB 1037 will provide a legislative fix for Josephine County and protect the GE crop ban voted passed in 2014 and the will of the people in that county. **Together, Josephine and Jackson County will be able to take economic advantage of a unique seed growing region not found anywhere else in the county, providing seed growers, farmers, and related businesses with more than 3300 square miles of a GE Free Seed Sanctuary!**

Please vote **yes** on SB 929 to:

- Restore the ability of local farmers to address their diverse agricultural needs at a community level.
- Allow farmers to determine what will work best in their agricultural communities, such as creating GE-free zones or other solutions.
- Allow communities throughout Oregon to protect high-value agricultural crops, such as wheat, alfalfa, and specialty seed.

Thank you for protecting our food, our heritage, and our local farmers!

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