To the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

I am writing today in support of SB 1037.

I work for Portland Farmers Market. My job is to support local farmers and food producers to ensure their financial success. I have learned a great deal about the hard work it takes to farm and am grateful for the families who choose to do the hard but good and necessary work of growing our food. Every farmer deserves the right to protect their crops from the impacts of genetically engineered crops.

As a consumer it concerns me that we have no meaningful statewide regulations to protect our farmers. Our communities rely on them.

Sincerely,

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