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This bill to place the liability for genetic contamination on the manufacturers of gmo crops, and off of traditional and conventional farmers, makes abundant political, economic and agricultural sense. Gmo's are largely an economic innovation, used to circumvent the restrictions on crop varieties receiving patents. But current laws also prevent liability to the gmo inventors if they contaminate with their genetic aberrations normal conventional crops. This is an obvious gross favoritism for agri-business and corporate systems, and a gross unfairness for the many small local farmers in Oregon, part of the deliberate strategy to eventually eradicate such small agriculture.

Passage of HB2739 will help retain a fair and balanced economic and land-based system of agriculture where small local farmers can continue to thrive and contribute their collective productivity to Oregon's economy. These farmers have been the historical core of Oregon's economy, and can continue and even expand their productivity if kept safe from unwanted contamination by errant gmo seed. Markets are rising so rapidly for non-gmo and organic crops and seeds, not just around the world but also in the US and even right here in Oregon, that small farmers must be given not extra advantages, but merely fair and equal treatment in order to fulfill that demand and boost Oregon's overall economy while maintaining the beauty and environmental quality of the state.

Support HB2739 for the bulk of Oregon's small local farmers, who collectively are a powerhouse of productivity for the state, now and into the future.