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As an Oregon voter, a soil scientist and a farmer, I urge you to support passage of HB 2739 to protect Oregon's farmers from economic damages due to GE contamination. Please send this bill to the House floor with a "do pass" recommendation.

It is an outrage that Monsanto and other GMO giants have gotten away with bullying small farmers for as long as they have, by having the audacity to SUE the neighboring farmer if some of the GMO crop gets into the neighboring farmer's fields. REALLY? This is a travesty and MUST STOP. Oregon farmers supporting their families by growing valuable non-GE crops (like organic seed), or landowners who have been infested by hard-to-eradicate GE creeping bentgrass, should not bear the burden of contamination by GE crops, plants, and animals.

HB 2739 would rightfully put the liability for economic damages due to GE contamination on the patent holder for the GE organism, not farmers, holding the Big Ag players who created and profited from these GE crops accountable.

Please protect Oregonians and rural economies by supporting this important bill.

Thank you,

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