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This bill may effect my as well as many in my area's ability to purchase the seed required to produce crops on our family farms, the sugar beets and field corn produced on thousands of acres in Malheur County which are nearly 100% GMO seeds. If we are not able to purchase these seeds in Oregon due to this bill, we would have to plant conventional seeds which would require a large increase in pesticide use, many more trips over the field using much more fuel resulting in a larger carbon foot print. We would not be able to compete with farmers in neighboring states due to increase in costs and a reduction in yields ( up to 50%). GM corn has been grown here for 20 years, GM sugar beets for 10, with no problems with our organic neighbors or conventional crops. If organic or conventional crops cross pollinated with GM crops it would have an undesirable effect as well ( it works both ways). That is why neighbors are careful and communicate with each other. This bill could put Oregon years behind the rest of the U.S. in agricultural production, not just in the crops mentioned but all the advancements being made in most crops. In order to continue to have a sustainable and adequate food supply you must allow us to adapt to changing conditions. Please vote no on HB 2739.

Sincerely,  
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