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To the House Committee on Rules,

Please submit my comments into the public record.

As a small farmer in the Willamette Valley, I know how vitally important it is to Oregon's agricultural future that we protect our high-value crops from contamination by GE plants.

We have to stop using our small farmers to play out the legal drama that should rightfully be owned by those who profit from the sale of these plants: the holders of the patents.

**It's also important that we** protect communities from invasive GE weeds, such as Creeping Bentgrass, that are now spreading across Malheur and Jefferson counties.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration and thank you for doing the right thing for the future of Oregon's agriculture!

Sincerely,  
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