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As a farmer in Wallowa county I would like to encourage you to oppose HB 2739. With all of the environmental, climate, and weed challenges that Oregon farmers face, we need all of the potential tools available to us so we can continue to provide excellent food for our neighbors and the world. I feel that this bill would severely hamper our universities and private companies from making the necessary improvements that we will need as our available agricultural land diminishes and we face the ever present question of what the climate may be ten or twenty years from now. This bill could effectively stop research that may someday keep farming and healthy food production in Oregon viable. As a farmer who currently uses a small amount of GM crops to help in problem fields with diverse weed or pest problems I have witnessed the great potential of these crops when there seemed to be little hope.

Please join me in opposition to HB2739.

Sincerely,
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