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As an Oregon voter from King City, I urge you to support passage of HB 2739 to protect Oregon's farmers from economic damages due to contamination from genetically engineered (GE) organisms, both plants and animals. Please send this bill to the House floor with a "do pass" recommendation.

This legislation will address the problem of who will pay for damages caused by GE contamination. Oregon farmers supporting their families by growing valuable non-GE crops (like organic seed) should not have to bear the burden of GE contamination. Likewise, landowners whose property has been infested by hard-to-eradicate GE creeping bentgrass, for example, should not bear the burden of this GE contamination. No, it is the patent holders of genetically engineered plants and animals who should be held liable to eliminate the contamination and pay for the damages it causes.

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. GE contamination has resulted in loss of markets and causes immense economic hardships to Oregon farmers. HB 2739 will thus help strengthen Oregon's agricultural economy.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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