

Dear Committee Members,

I am so excited about this bill. It makes perfect sense, doesn't it? Most farmers worldwide, and in Oregon as well, are SMALL farms. Why would a minority of farmers be allowed to contaminate their neighbors' farms and not be held liable?

As an Oregon voter, 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.

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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