After years of watching Monsanto successfully sue innocent farmers for Monsanto's contamination of those farmers' crops, and having those decisions be upheld in court, it's encouraging to see that Oregon is trying to do the right thing and deflect the blame from the victim to the perpetrator.

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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