

Dear Oregon State Legislature House Rules Committee,

Over the years that I have studied Genetically Mutated Organisms the facts are clear and critical: GMOs have NOT been adequately tested by honest, independent, non-biased laboratories. The claims by Monsanto and other GMO-pushers are simply more lies from the same corporations that have long histories of fake tests, cooking books, influencing politicians and agency bureaucrats at every level.

The current legal situation, in which farmers who do not want to contaminate their crops with GMOs, is preposterous and absolutely unjust. I'm sure you are aware of the case of Canadian farmer, Percy Schmeiser, was the victim of spray drift from neighboring growers who bought Monsanto's line that its "Round-up Ready" seeds were so wonderful.

When Mr. Schmeiser's crops were contaminated, not only was his long, diligent years-long work destroyed, but Monsanto had the nerve to sue him for over \$1million for "stealing" its seeds. This was instrumental in the corporation decidedly earning its other name that has stuck to this day (more merited every day that passes): "MonSatan".

To allow Monsanto, Syngenta, Dow and the other GMO-pushers to continue to get away with this monstrous abuse is a crime.

You have the opportunity to uphold Oregon's proud history of being in the forefront of progressive legislature, statutes and regulations that protect farmers, consumers and our environment. I urge you to keep that heritage alive and right the wrongs farmers have endured at the hands of shady, greedy transnational corporations that care absolutely nothing about us, our health, our rights, our world.

Pass HB2882 by a huge margin.

Contamination of non-GMO crops by cross pollination and other means does serious damage to farmers and rural communities that comes with serious financial consequences. GMO contamination has cost billions of dollars to agriculture nationwide. Oregon farmers supporting their families by growing valuable non-GMO crops and landowners who have been infested by hard-to-eradicate GMO creeping bentgrass should not bear the burden of contamination by GMO crops, plants, and animals.

HB 2882 would rightfully put the liability for economic damages due to GMO contamination on the patent holder for the GMO. It protects organic farmers by holding the Big Ag players who created and profited from these GMO crops accountable.

The federal government does nothing to protect farmers from GMO contamination, and the State of Oregon has also failed to act. Making matters even worse is the fact that all counties except Jackson County are preempted from regulating the types of seeds used in their jurisdictions.

In light of these regulatory gaps, please protect Oregonians and our rural economies by supporting this important bill. I urge you to vote it out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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