

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I am an Oregonian writing to request your support for HB 2882.

I am seriously concerned about contamination of our seed stock genetically engineered food, and I understand that HB 2882 is designed to help protect us from that.

As a physician with many years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry, I know how easily genetically altered life forms growing in an uncontrolled environment can proliferate out of control and alter the genome of naturally occurring organisms of the same type. I also know that, regardless of whatever research has been done, science has no way of predicting what the long-term consequences of this may be. Since Oregon is one of the top 5 seed growing regions in the world, it is our responsibility, as Oregonians, to protect the our seed stock from such contamination. The implications of failing to do so are global.

Thank you for the consideration.

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