

Dear Oregon State Legislature House Rules Committee,

Please vote in YES for HB2882

I am a long time Oregon resident and voter. I urge you to vote yes and support HB 2882. As a state it sends a message that we value protecting farmers rights to grow non-gmo crops. It protects Oregon resident rights to choose organic, non-gmo products and be assured that this can continue into the future.

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.

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 serving our state and for choosing the good of Oregonians by voting Yes on HB 2882.

Sincerely,

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