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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB789

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To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Elizabeth Voth

Re: Support for SB 789

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

I hope you can understand the perspective that failing to guide smart agricultural practice will result in a few large-scale operations inevitably edging out smaller farms by introducing invasive genetically designed species.

That would NOT be a good-neighbor policy.

There is already a delicate balance between small unique farm plots for specialty crops that it takes farmers years to learn to manage successfully with limited herbicides and natural integrated pest management.

The social implications can become intense and force smaller, long-standing farm investors into premature retirement when crops engineered to be invasive and chemical resistant contaminate organic or heirloom varieties.

Please resist loud, bullying, single-interest voices and support long-term values of future Oregon farmers.

Thank you!