

Please distribute this to the committee members!

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Hello, I am Mayor of Mosier, in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge. Our community is an agriculture community, known for cherries and now an emerging grape/wine agricultural focus.

We have many organic orchards and farms and urge you to support HB 2739 to ensure that our organic farmers are protected from contamination by genetically engineered crops by holding patent holders responsible. HB 2469 would restore the rights of our farmers and community to protect their hard work and land by establishing GMO-free zones.

This is very important to our farmers and to our community.

Sincerely,

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