

**In May of 2014 Jackson County voters approved ballot Measure 15-119 to ban GMOs in this county. It seems that in the ensuing years that this law has not been satisfactorily enforced.**

**Hence, I am asking for you to support HB 2739, which in essence would protect Oregon's agriculture from more GMO contamination.**

**To prevent repeats episode of unwanted non-GMO crop polluting by GMO plants, which has reportedly costs all US farmers billions of dollars, I am asking the Oregon Legislature to act now by:**

**Making patent holders liable for contamination events. By placing the responsibility on the party that developed the GMO and not on the farmer that purchased it, farmers would not be pitter against other farmers.**

**Protect Oregon crops, which are in high demand, such as specialty seed, wheat and alfalfa, that have been put at risk by GE contamination.**

**Protect communities from the unwanted presence of invasive GE weeds such as Creeping Bentgrass, which is now de-regulated and rapidly spreading in Masher and Jefferson counties.**

**Controlling these weeds will undoubtedly be done by spraying them with some noxious chemical, which will only further contaminate the soil and environment. That potential consequence could be avoided before it happens by sagaciously passing HB 2739.**

**Please give voter approved Measure 15-119 the boost that it needs to do what it was intended to do back in 2014: Vote YES on HB 2739.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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