

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

My name is Dr. Carley Corrado. I am a Green Business Consultant and Regenerative Agriculture advocate in Ashland. I am requesting your **support for HB 2882**.

This bill is of massive importance to the future of our very civilization and survival on this planet, as regenerative agriculture practices are at the cornerstone of the solution to the planetary pickle that we are in. HB 2882 protects the farmers who are leading the way in land regeneration, against all odds, and some of the most important entities to protect, so that our future generations will have safe food to eat years to come.

HB 2882 was written to create patent holder or manufacturer liability for genetically engineered (GE) contamination events in Oregon. Over the past decade, GE contamination events, and threats of contamination, have cost U.S. farmers **billions** of dollars—including Oregon farmers—in rejected sales, lost exports, and closed agricultural markets.

Farmers lack protections from GE contamination because Oregon does not regulate GE crops. Further, with the exception of Jackson County, all Oregon counties are preempted from making decisions regarding seed cultivation in their jurisdictions, leaving a large regulatory gap.

Current legal precedent is unfavorable for farmers contaminated through no fault of their own. The legal theories of trespass, nuisance, negligence, and strict liability are not useful in GE contamination cases stemming from pollen drift. Right to Farm laws have not been useful either.

While I ultimately want to see patent holders and manufacturers held responsible for GE pollen drift contamination so farmers aren't pitted against farmers, I support legislation that calls for the regulation of GE crops in Oregon.

Addressing GE contamination is important to me because GE is an uncontrolled experiment that includes massive amounts of carcinogenic pesticides, and threatens the crops and livelihood of the farmers who are stewards of the land and our future.

Please vote HB 2882 out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation. Thank you so much!!

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