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**Oregon Progressive Party  
Position on Bill at 2017  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**HB 2739: Support**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) supports this bill, which would allow a cause of action against patent holders for their genetically engineered organism(s) present on land without permission of owner or lawful occupant.

Patent holders claim entitlement to the economic rent from their inventions. They should likewise be held responsible for the economic harm caused by their inventions, particularly when their inventions invade the land and crops of innocent bystander farmers. This will provide a more correct incentive for the patent holders to take economically justified precautions to prevent the unintended spread of their inventions.

Considering the anti-science and anti-public health orientation of the Trump Administration, we cannot trust federal authorities in this field.

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