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Again the Renfrew County National Farmers Union wishes to bring to your attention the latest status of Bill C-474. This Private Members Bill is about the introduction of new genetically engineered seed (Wheat, Alfalfa).

This proposed Bill is asking Parliament to enshrine in Legislation Bill C-474 "An Act respecting the seed regulations" to amend the seed regulations "to require that an analysis of potential harm to expand markets be conducted before the sale of any new genetically engineered seed is permitted".

It must be remembered that farmers lost their export sales to Europe and other markets because of GM flax contamination from a GM variety deregistered a decade ago and never even sold. Our current experience with GM Flax contamination clearly illustrates the crippling losses Canadian farmers can suffer if crops such as GM wheat and/or GM alfalfa are introduced.

A request to extend debate over Bill C-474 will soon be tabled in the House of Commons. The NFU has yet to testify at Committee hearings on the Bill and requests you vote to extend debate.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours truly,

Dave Mackay, President
Renfrew County National Farmers Union