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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB789

I encourage your opposition of SB 789. Having grown up on a Willamette Valley farm and as a current southern Oregon rancher, I have very strong feelings about the government determining what crops or livestock any farmer or rancher grows. This bill sets a precedent that could potentially have a drastic impact on the future of agriculture in Oregon. Brassica crops are grown throughout the United States. The Oregon Department of Agriculture currently has the authority to regulate on these issues. Canola is not a new crop that is being grown in the Valley. I encourage the Committee to support the coexistence of Canola and other related Brassica in the Willamette Valley. Farmers never should lose the right to choose the crops they grow. Oppose SB 789.