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On Behalf Of:

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I am the USA production manager for a Dutch vegetable seed company that has for many years contracted Brassica seed production in the Willamette Valley. We are a non GMO seed company that supplies vegetable seed to professional growers around the world. We also have purchased/ built a research farm in Salem area to test new varieties potential before they are released to local growers.

We currently grow brassica seed crops around the world for risk management and genetic adaptation, and also to avoid contamination and disease issues from GMO Canola.

Our experience in the Willamette Valley so far has been positive with good yields, and high seed quality as well as experienced grower base.

We are very concerned about the proposal to move GMO canola to a non-restricted crop in valley, we have already decided not to grow swiss chard seed in Oregon due to GMO sugar beet seed and hope that we would not have to make a similar decision if canola moves to a non-restricted status.

I ask that you support this bill so we and the professional growers in the Willamette Valley Protected District can continue to grow high value brassica seed crops.