

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee and Committee Chair Golden

From: Chuck Sherman, Owner Monarch Seeds

Re: OPPOSE SB 789

My name is Chuck Sherman, and along with my family run a diversified crop farm just out of Sublimity in Marion County. I have grown different brassicas as part of my crop rotations, and having these rotations has been extremely beneficial to helping me control weeds and provide diversification to my cash flow. I have not grown canola for several years however, or requested acres, because the 500 acre cap is too restrictive. To make it worth factoring into our rotation and with our field sizes, we would need 100-200 acres at least on our farm alone to be worth it, and I haven't felt it was fair for one grower to request that many acres from such a small pool.

I want to have the option of growing canola in the future, and with a 500 acre cap there are not enough acres available any given year to help meet the rotational acres needed for our farm. On many of our sloped fields, the environmental benefits of being able to no-till into the field following the canola crop would help immensely preventing erosion, among other benefits.

There is no reason canola should have restrictions placed on it when other brassica crops don't.

Please oppose SB789.