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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: SB789

Dear Mr. Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed restrictions outlined in SB789. In short, cross pollination of canola with other crops is merely an attempt to limit the production of canola in the Willamette Valley. If efforts are short in the “cross pollination” of noxious weeds on state lands nearby farmlands at present why is canola mentioned in such discussion. After all, the limit of 500 acres of canola nearly dismisses the concern of cross pollination, does it not. Allow farmers to grow canola with bearable restrictions and do NOT handcuff them with your believed thoughts/theories.

I live next to a canola field and on my 30 acres, there is no sign of canola growing on my property. Please succumb to the famers knowledge and expertise and increase the 500 acres restriction. This restriction does not promote the increased market for canola which is desperately needed for many reasons including, an increased job market.

Thank you for your time.

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