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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: SB789

To whom it may concern,

I support a permanent ban on GMO canola growing in the Willamette valley. I have been farming and producing organic food for hundreds of families on the edge of the urban growth boundary of Eugene for 26 years. Most of the crops I produce are from saved seed-including all my brassicas. As a producer of quality seed, I know how difficult it is to isolate crops for purity and type. Allowing commercial canola to be grown here will make it impossible for me to continue to provide my consumers with the quality they have come to rely on. It is no overstatement to say it would devastate my operation.

Please consider the vital importance of clean seed growing regions for the good of farmers the world over. Seed production is the cornerstone of resilience and is essential to a future where agriculture, both large and small, will be needed more than ever.

Thank you,

Kate Perle

farmer in Eugene, OR