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On Behalf
Of:

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Water

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I am a farmer in Oregon. Running a small farm requires a lot of creativity and diversity in how we farm. Many of my farmer friends have bridged the gap in uncertainty that comes with farming by growing seed. The Willamette Valley in Oregon is a very special locale that allows for this to be an option. I am very concerned about canola contamination in our region pitting large farmers looking for a profitable crop against small farmers growing brassicas in the name of diversity. Cross contamination by GMO canola is not a road we can decide to turn away from once we have gone down it. Please help give the small and medium sized farmers a chance to continue to support our food biodiversity. I support HB 4059-7, however, I strongly oppose HB 4059-8, as it's amendments degrade the protections the bill could represent for small specialty seed farmers.