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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: HB4059

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod and members of the committee:

I am a farmer in the Scio area and am writing you to support HB 4059-A, the current bill. I am among the many vegetable seed crop growers in the Willamette Valley, and understand the importance of maintaining this geographical area as a location that allows our lucrative and specialized industry to survive and thrive. We grow a variety of vegetable seed crops, and brassicas are among them. My interest in this topic is broad, my concern is for seed growers, the local economy, the supply of seed for our local area and far beyond. The canola cropping threatens all this, and there must be protections for our local industry.

We know that HB 4059-A is not the end of the road and we will have to find a more permanent solution in the next few years. We need future policy to address the need for a public pinning map, seed lot testing, isolation distances, limitations on crop varieties that threaten organic production and accountability and shared risk for all parties, not just seed growers.

Thank you for your hard work on these issues!

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