

Submitter: Jennifer Davis

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB789

I am a small scale mixed vegetable grower in Gales Creek, Oregon. Without a doubt a third of my most marketable crops are in the brassica family. Please vote YES in support of bill S789 to protect our profitable and highly marketable brassica seed industry. The Willamette Valley is one of the few best places on the Earth to successfully grow excellent quality brassica seeds.

By preventing pollen drift from rapeseed canola, brassica seeds can be safely grown for our healthy kale salads, our broccoli and cheese dishes, our coleslaw.

Restaurants, fast food chains, supermarkets and home consumers increasingly are including more and more brassicas on their plates for their rich vitamin content and versatile and delicious flavors. To introduce canola, which can genetically contaminate other brassica crops, would spell disaster for the lucrative brassica industry.

“Pollen from a genetically modified grass has blown on the wind and pollinated other grasses up to 21 kilometres away, says a new study. This distance is “much further than previously measured”, say the authors, and is thought to be a record for any GM pollen.”

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn6421-wind-carries-gm-pollen-record-distances/>

With gratitude for your attention to this serious matter,

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