

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee, Chair Jeff Golden

From: Louie Kazemier, Owner Rickreall Dairy

Re: OPPOSE SB 789

Chair Golden and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

My name is Louie Kazemier, and I own and operate Rickreall Dairy in Rickreall, Oregon. We are a 1750 cow dairy that utilizes a significant amount of high fat canola meal in our feed daily. Much of this comes from the Midwest, and even Canada, which as you can imagine is not cheap and not without headaches. There simply is not enough produced even in the PNW region to consistently cover the dairy industry's needs here, as canola has grown to become an important part of our feed blend due to its high protein levels.

Below is a chart detailing my dairy's use and annual expense of just the canola meal.

Cows on Feed:	1750			
Pounds per day fed:	6.42	pounds		
Fed per day	5.62	Tons per day		
Per Month:	168.53			
Per year:	2,022.30			
Price Contracted for 2023	\$ 385.00			
Total for year	\$ 778,585.50	per year in expenses		

Additionally, with some basic math we can estimate the amount of canola meal fed in the Willamette Valley to the approximately 17,000 cows being milked currently. Although every dairy uses different specific blends of feed, canola meal has become a principal component of rations so my number can reasonably be applied to estimate Valley-wide use.

Projection for Canola meal in Willamette Valley			
Cows on Feed:	14,000		
Pounds per day fed:	6.42	pounds	
Fed per day	44.94	Tons per day	
Per Month:	1348.20		
Per year:	16,178.40		
Price Contracted for 2023	\$ 385.00		
Total for year	\$ 6,228,684.00	per year in expenses	

It would sure be nice to get at least some of the 16,000 plus tons (32 million pounds) of canola meal used annually from local farmers, and keep some of that 6 million dollars in our Valley. It would obviously cut down on transportation and associated carbon emissions too. The problem with only having 500 acres is it's not a big enough amount to ensure a consistent supply to someone like me that can't afford to not have it available when I need to blend feed. I urge you to oppose SB 789.