

Date: 3/9/2023

To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Katie Glaser

Re: Oppose for SB 789

Chair Golden, Vice Chair Girod, and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

Thank you for your time.

My name is Katie Glaser. My husband and I are farmers just outside of Lebanon. I oppose SB 789 for a few different reasons:

1. The reasons people and organizations give as to why more canola should not be grown has been disproved.
2. We should listen to what our \$1,000,000 OSU study has shown.
3. We shouldn't take away another option for farmers to perform best practices for their farm.
4. The government shouldn't pick winners and losers.

Point 1 and 2 can be explained through the testimony of Carol Mallory-Smith, Professor Emeritus Department of Crop and Soil Science Oregon State University. "Oregon taxpayers spent more than \$1,000,000 to support this research" and she explains the findings very well. It's the study proves canola can be grown in the valley without worry of affecting other crops.

Point 3 - For farms like mine we are very limited on what we can grow. We have no irrigation and some of the worst soil types. We love what we do but sometimes it can be tough. Year after year it seems there are more rules, regulations, red tape and options being taken away from us.

Having another crop option like canola allows us to choose the best option for our soil health along with pest and weed management. Having another option allows us to cut down on sprays we have to use in order to manage our fields.

Point 4 - This feels like yet another situation where our elected officials will pick winners and losers. Taking away this option ties our hands a little more and makes us less competitive with other states and around the world.

Please vote no on SB 789. You asked for a study to be done, please listen to what the results are.