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To: Senate Natural Resources Committee

From: Ryan Glaser

Re: Oppose for SB 789

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

My name is Ryan Glaser and I oppose SB 789. I've been a farmer my whole life, just like my dad and his dad and so on back to my great great grandfather. We have farmed the same ground for over 128 years now. I'm lucky to have the original homestead of my family.

I take being a farmer very serious and I make all my decisions based on having a sustainable future. I oppose this bill because it takes away another tool that could allow me to better care for my land. Because I have no irrigation I am limited in what I can grow. Having another option in my very limited list of crops I can grow is important. More than important, it is crucial.

I've grown canola in the past and it did very well. Some years in the past I would have liked to grow canola but I was unable to because all the 500 acres were already taken. Having this 500 acre limit hinders my ability to make good crop rotation decisions. Having a good crop rotation allows me to put the health of my field and soil as a top priority. It will allow for a cleaner field from weeds and pests.

Restricting a major, world wide, commodity in Oregon not only makes my job harder but it sends a terrible message. Oregon is known for being one of the most diverse states in the nation when it comes to agriculture. We shouldn't limit ourselves.

OSU performed an extensive study on canola being grown in Oregon. They found that not only does it not cause concern but it's good to allow another option for farmers. Let's listen to the experts.

I don't want to forget about our honey bees. Canola fields are a great source of food for our honey bees.

Please vote no on SB 789 so I can make decisions based on a sustainable farm and future.

Thanks for your time.