

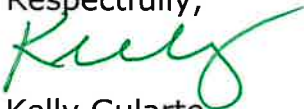
To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Kelly Gularte and I am a seed production specialist for Takii Seed in Japan. Takii Seed is a global vegetable seed company based in the Japan. Takii develops non GMO hybrid vegetables for the professional farmers in Japan as well as around the world.

We grow brassica seed crops around the world for risk management and genetic adaptation. The Willamette Valley is one of the few special seed production areas in the world. The combination of soil, water, good growers and favorable climate combine to create a very desirable area for specialty seed production. Places like the Willamette Valley are unique. Our experience in the Willamette Valley has been very positive. We see consistent good yields, and excellent seed quality that our customers expect. Our desire is to continue to utilize this important region for hybrid seed production. The Willamette Valley is a vital production area for many crops. The seed produced from these crops is sold around the globe thus making the Willamette Valley a key link in our seed supply chain. There is no concerted effort to 'replace' the area and feel it necessary to maintain good communication with seed companies and growers alike to ensure this area remains viable for hybrid seed crop production.

We are concerned about Canola production in the Willamette Valley for disease, GMO contamination and isolation issues. Canola can and does grow in many places. That is not the case for consistent high quality vegetable seeds.

Respectfully,



Kelly Gularte