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To whom it may concern:

My name is Rich Pollard and I am the Director of Production for Bejo Seeds, Inc. in the United States. Bejo Seeds is a subsidiary of Bejo Zaden which is a family owned global vegetable seed company based in the Netherlands. Bejo develops non GMO hybrid vegetables for the professional farmer. We have a large share of the global brassica vegetable market. Bejo Zaden is in the top 10 vegetable seed companies based on turnover in 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.

Bejo Seeds, Inc. is committed to long term seed production plans in the Willamette Valley with area growers and seed production partners. We also support local agricultural research at the extension and University level.

We are concerned about Canola production in the Willamette Valley for disease, insects, genetic isolation issues and GMO contamination of our seeds. Canola can and does grow in many places. That is not the case for consistent high quality vegetable seeds needed to feed a growing global population.

Respectfully,

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