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On Behalf

Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and

Water

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My name is Brenda Frketich. I am third generation farmer from St. Paul. I farm alongside my husband Matt and our three children. We are a sustainable and diverse farm raising filberts, grass seed, wheat, clover, vegetables and vegetables seeds.

I urge you to also oppose the -7 amendments and support the -8 amendments.

The -7 amendments are undermining to the process that has been laid out in finding a compromise based in science for an issue that is anything but simple here in Oregon. Oregon State University scientists stated clearly on the record: there is no scientific reason to treat GE brassicas differently from conventionally bred brassicas. Also the proposed restriction goes against ODA's own policies, which support growers retaining the legal right to choose production technologies necessary to meet the markets they choose to serve.

I urge you oppose the -7 and support the -8 amendments. Thank you.