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

Measure: HB4059

Chair Helm & members of the committee,

We need action now on this Brassica bill. The -7 ammendments can work if the GE cap language is eliminated, while leaving the 6 mile isolation. The over 70,000 acres a 6 mile circle would cover, would make it extremely hard to place a GE canola field, and if one was, it would mean any neighboring growers were in agreement, or they are so far from anyone with a concern it wouldn't be a concern anyway. Also, add in a review of the GE aspect in 3-5 years so we can see how many acres really are pinned anyway and adjust if necessary.

There has been too much work on this issue in the last 10 years, especially this last year, to give up and kick the can down the road further. Grass seed farmers NEED rotation crops TODAY and this bill is a workable solution to the problems we've experienced with brassica production. Make a few tweaks and please get the -7 ammendments passed.