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NO ON HB 4059

THE SCIENCE IS CLEAR: No caps or restrictions

HB 4059 was intended to support coexistence between canola and specialty seed producers. Rather than a fair solution, discussions continue to focus on caps and restrictions, either on canola or on genetically engineered varieties. This caters to one industry's market standards while restricting markets for other producers.

- A workgroup was set up last year to replace unscientific caps and restrictions with a pinning system and science-based isolation distances.
- **The science funded by the legislature in 2017 is very clear: there is no scientific basis for caps or restrictions. With pinning and isolation practices, caps and restrictions are not necessary.**
- Restrictions on other crops or varieties protect one industry's economic premiums while disadvantaging everyone else. **Not the role of state policy, nor an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars.**

Restricting opportunities for some to prioritize others is not coexistence.

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