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On Behalf Of:

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As a multi generational Willamette Valley grass seed farming family, we are asking for continued consideration of allowing canola to be grown as a valuable rotation crop. Presently our operation is limited to very few alternatives for crop rotation and canola would be a great option. Not only does this brassica have a need in the oil market but is also utilized as a dairy meal and is being used in the refined diesel fuel market which is so highly being promoted in the future of Oregon for being a "green" focused State. Currently canola is being "quarantined" at 500 acres due to pollination factors with other brassicas. The question is, why is canola being the restricted commodity when other brassicas are not limited. I ask that you continue to research this valuable product but that you also give canola a equal playing field with other brassicas. The economics of this product in the farming community is a very valuable asset that needs to be accommodated as a solution to a much needed rotation alternative. Thank you for continuing to address this issue. Sherri Parker, J & S Grass Seed Farm, Inc.