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Arlen Leholm Chris Hamilton North Central Regional Assoc. of State AES Directors 212E Agriculture Hall 1450 Linden Dr Madison, WI 53706

Dear Arlen and Chris,

I'm requesting you to set up a NC Development Committee for the advancement of Brassica Carinata. There is a great deal of interest in Florida, the Plains States in the USA, as well as the Prairie Provinces in Canada. Carinata research has already been conducted for several years in the USA at a number of locations and the Carinata Crop is ready for commercial advancement in Canada. This crop shows great promise as a competitive bio-energy crop and a high protein meal for animals.

The NCRA Carinata Committee will provide a mechanism to organize the advancement of Carinata. It also provides a structure to meet in person and to meet regularly by phone and electronically. This committee can organize for federal grants, provide a structure for agronomic forums with technicians, share key concepts across states and provinces, and more.

The Multistate committee will have membership from all participating states and provinces. Bill Gibbons of SD and David Wright of Florida have agreed to co-chair this committee. I have agreed to serve as the administrative advisor (AA).

Sincerely,

Daniel Scholl

Professor, Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences

Director, South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station

Associate Dean for Research, College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences

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