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Subject:

SB1057-11 Opposing Time Manner and Place Removal

To Chair Burdick, Co-Chair Lininger and Committee:

My name is Monika Piatt and we have lived in Deschutes County for 22 years. I live on 3 acres next to a 10,000 square foot proposed EFU commercial grow. The surrounding 28 properties within 1,000 feet have appealed this application for recreational marijuana.

Rural Deschutes DID NOT vote to legalize marijuana, nor did we vote to turn this federally illegal plant into an agricultural crop, the legislature did.

I support Deschutes County Commissioners and oppose any attempts for SB1057-11 to remove any of the current marijuana regulatory time, manner and place regulations. Deschutes County has spent months listening to all concerns of both the marijuana industry and now rural residents.

I am opposed to anything that would undo the marijuana regulation work in our county and in fact we are asking Commissioners to consider the size of EFU property in relation to smaller residents who live around it with family, kids and farm animals.

Is it a good use of our counties land to allow growers, their employees, without background checks, to move in and demand special rights in growing a federally illegal plant? Light pollution and even helicopters hovering over their crops all night long on frosty nights in Sisters, to the detriment of neighbors. Alfalfa Market Road has greatly increased traffic from Alfalfa operations at all hours of the day and night already.

Adding a huge commercial grow operation on a blind corner where speeds exceed 55 mph, will significantly increase fatality risk on a road local residents are already avoiding, because of this safety issue.

Our family has owned a rescue and safety business for over 20 years. We pay state, federal and county taxes, with corresponding state and federal license numbers. Our customers use this gear to comply with NFPA and OSHA safety standards to protect their lives and the residents whom they serve.

Early this crisp and pristine morning, after my run in this beautiful county, I popped in the store to purchase flowers and a bottle of wine for a dinner attending this evening. The clerk kindly told me there is a state law that alcohol can not be sold anywhere before 7am. A little inconvenient for me, but I will remember this and plan ahead differently in the future. The growers can do the same, as they are business owners, not undisciplined children who should always have their way.

There is already too much marijuana growing in this county than is used in the dispensaries, according to law enforcement. We need to not compromise our county based on this single industry.

We already have a lack of Code Enforcement, as shown via video in our appeal, such as skunk smell so strong, it affects both the outside and inside of our homes, shipping cargo containers used for fencing, cars with blacked out license plates from Oregon and other states at all hours of the day and night. There are not just workers who travel to these grow operations.

Oregrown now has Delivery service, as their large bill board displays in Bend. How are these growers transporting this federally illegal drug? According to Marijuana Retailing standards and criteria, the use shall not have a walk-up or drive-thru window service. Does this sound legal?

Ironically, Marion County with it's pristine vineyards, has opted out of growing Marijuana...we here in Deschutes County are willing to fight for our public safety, quality of life and property values too!

Respectfully, Monika Piatt

Lance Piatt

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