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## **Dear Committee Members:**

I strongly oppose preemption of county land use rules to accommodate growth of marijuana. I recognize this is not a health issue for the general public, quite the contrary. Rather it is a health, security of the home, and way of life issue for those living in rural communities. Already those east of the mountain yearn to be free of the urban centric bias on the Oregon Legislature. Exporting the smog, congestion, and crime from western cities to rural areas to the east of the mountains is not a great solution. May I suggest that you visit a marijuana farm and stand down wind of its operation. Debate would be concluded.

There is another critical factor. Now is not the time to facilitate growing operations. There are two givens:

- The growth, manufacture, and distribution of marijuana in any form violates paramount federal law
- Our Oregon Supreme Court has held, under the Supremacy Clause, that Oregon must obey federal drug laws So this legislation is intended to facilitate creation of a criminal enterprise implicating all who participate in its facilitation. Would it not be better to put this legislation on the back burner until the U.S. Attorney General has determined whether to continue the Cole memorandum or to rescind it? Think of all the detritus that would blight rural communities if you can prematurely and we are left to look at forlorn vacated growing structures.

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