

I Support SB218 and am opposed to SB365

I support SDC charges for marijuana businesses and the new time, place, manner restrictions decided by the commissioners in the fall. The reason we have time, place, manner restrictions is that the commissioners who were in office at the time had the option to opt-out and the only reason they opted-in was that they were assured that Deschutes County would have the right to implement the restrictions they decided on.

From discussions with many farmers around the county, it seems that the Deschutes County Farm Bureau is only supportive of the marijuana and hemp industries, despite their saying otherwise, and many farmers will have nothing to do with the DCFB.

We need the regulations we fought for because the marijuana farmers are ruining our neighborhoods, bring down home values, make wells run dry, increase traffic and crime, make our young people sick, in mind and body (hyperemesis, lower grades, psychosis, loss of competitiveness), increase costs on the state in terms of safety, policing, regulating. We already have 6 1/2 years supply in Oregon, any more will only go into the black market and cost Oregon money, not gain Oregon any more tax revenue. before you make thing easier again for the growers, police them right, make sure they do not pollute wells with dangerous pesticides and abide by the law. In Deschutes County alone 30 recreational grow ops were approved, but only 10 have OLCC licenses to sell, so 20 are selling illegally. Fix the mess that we have before you make it worse.

We have fought with attorneys, with our money, with our anxiety and anger and depression about these situations, with citizen groups, with public education. Stop giving more rights to marijuana growers. The problems we have right now need to be sorted out before a bigger mess gets created.

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