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Chair Wilde and members of the House Committee on General Government.

As Newberg and Jaquith Road residents we have concerns regarding the siting of a cannabis processing operation approved for 18505 N.E. Jaquith Rd. and support HB-3239, which Establishes limitations on where cannabis can be processed.

We believe this legislation is necessary to provide county planners with appropriate Time, Place and Manner locations for such activities which typically require highly flammable solvents. Such locations would be in an industrial setting with necessary fire-fighting apparatus located close by. In the case of 18505 Jaquith Rd. location, it is 20 – 30 minutes distant from fire infrastructure. Additionally, this location is:

- On the top of Chehalem Mt. where surface water resources to draw water are none existent.
- Surrounded by forests which become tinder dry during late summer months.
- Difficult for fire equipment to access.
- Is mostly residential and Christmas Tree farms in nature.

Last September's wildfires and subsequent evacuation orders on Chehalem Mountain were a definite wake up call for every resident. Please give HB-3239 a DO PASS recommendation and quickly pass this bill out of committee for a full vote by the legislature.

Sincerely,

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