I am writing in support of HB3239. Processing cannabis can be a very dangerous activity, especially extracting hash oil using butane and other flammable chemicals. Such operations should be restricted to industrial locations not in forest or farmland which may be a significant distance from fire protection or fire stations. We currently have such an operation proposed in our area, an area which suffered a major fire which caused us to evacuate for several days and could have cost us our home of 30 years.

I am not opposed to the cannabis industry. I just believe that processing butane hash oil needs to be done in an industrial area and not in areas designated as farm or forest. Farm land should be used for farming and forest land for trees.