

Chair Wilde, Vice-Chairs Leif and Lively, members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of Rep. Post's HB 3239.

HB 3239 aims to establish common sense safety requirements for marijuana processing facilities. This bill would prohibit the establishment of marijuana processing facilities in "Agricultural, Exempt Farm" (Ag) buildings. Presently, a marijuana processing facility can be established in Ag. buildings which requires no building inspections. HB 3239 requires a fire safety plan and inspection approval from the local fire department. Most importantly, it restricts chemical processing of Cannabis to Industrial Zones which would be better suited to these operations. Thank you for considering the concerns of those who live in rural areas impacted by these facilities; HB 3239 would allow for a safer, more appropriate siting of this type of processing.

Respectfully,
Mary Starrett
Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners