

As a resident of an agricultural and rural area in Yamhill County, I am concerned about the use of flammable chemicals in the processing of cannabis. There are no fire-hydrants in my area, and there are many trees, grasses, and structures that are vulnerable to fire. It takes a minimum of 20 minutes for fire and first responders to get to my home. The use of flammable chemicals in processing cannabis raises the risk of fire, and the loss of lives and property. Chemical processing of cannabis should be limited to industrial areas with adequate or superior access to first responders, water, and any other means necessary to contain the fire as quickly as possible. It is also imperative that any chemical processing of cannabis that may result in off-gassing of fumes or odors be contained and filtered in vent hoods or other chambers to prevent possible respiratory issues for those in the vicinity of the processing center.