

Good afternoon,

I am writing to support HB3239 in order to ensure that the planned cannabis chemical processing establishment is not allowed to conduct business on Chehalem Mountain. I, personally, would hope that the business operators move the chemical processing aspect of their business to an industrial zoned facility where there would be adequate safety precautions and remedies (fire fighters), with minimal death and injury.

As I sit here writing my letter, KOIN is reporting on an ethanol explosion in Cornelius - here is the headline "Explosive ethanol fire guts business, vehicles in Cornelius, Surrounding areas were evacuated," take a moment and imagine this happening on Jaquith Rd. I believe something like this would make the fires of 2020 seem like a minor event (and for those of us who had to evacuate - if was far from minor).

There are critical issues that effect the actual residents of this community - water resources, a processing plant that uses BUTANE, to extract OIL from a plant - a massive fire risk.

Please take our concerns seriously, when there is an explosion, as this is merely an investment and not a scrappy start-up wanting to be a thoughtful member of the community, people will get hurt, die and lose their homes ... look at what happened this afternoon in Cornelius, thoughts and prayers will be too late and not matter.

Thank you,  
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