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Measure: SB1564

This bill is SOOOOOOO needed in Southern Oregon where our rural communities have been invaded by so-called "hemp" farmers who mostly are foreign interests who have moved in to cash out on the easy money of actually growing pot not "hemp." Everybody knows that's what they're doing. Because enforcement is so minimal (as local sheriffs have admitted publicly that they are "completely overwhelmed") our quiet, stable little rural towns have become overrun with people stealing water from our creeks and aquifer, cutting down trees in riparian areas, threatening neighbors, driving recklessly along our roads, trafficking workers, driving up real estate prices, while meanwhile contributing nothing to our our communities (except the grow stores of course.) The situation is out of hand. The face of southern Oregon now looks more like southern Humboldt. Back when hippies were growing pot in the woods there was somehow funding for flying helicopters to search them down and bust them. Where's that law enforcement now? I very much support SB 1564. We need to put an end to this plunder of our communities and prime agricultural land. Enough is enough! Thank you for your consideration.