Passage of HB3439 preserves an Oregon business success story that supports Oregon agriculture.

 Permits the wholesale agricultural goods distribution of Liberty Natural Products Inc that are integrated with the Oregon Lavender Farm operations.

Preserves:

25-35 jobs integrated with a lavender agricultural practice \$7,000,000.00 per year in revenues \$60,000,000.00 in historical revenues

• <u>Statutory Limitation: Present provisions of commercial uses in conjunction with agriculture limit distribution to only locally produced agricultural goods.</u>

Liberty Sources and Distributes to Oregon, the United States and Worldwide, over 1000 Botanical Extracts,

Produced on over 1,000,000 Acres of Agriculture.

• A proven exceptional solution to a legacy facility problem.

The 90 acre Oregon Lavender Farm has a large 150,000 square foot legacy commercial facility established prior to implementation of Oregon's land use statutes.

Distribution Activities Have Supported the 25 Acre Lavender Farm Use and Surrounding Practices With Positive Impact since 1999.

Prior Poultry & Rabbit uses failed to be economically or environmentally sustainable. Non-use of the facility created a public nuisance and waste of an agricultural resource.

• Legislative relief recommended by Clackamas County is in the public interest.

Avoids Costly, Lengthy and Unncessary Land Use Litigation Possible Move of Business Operations Out of State or Discontinuation of Business

Distribution and Farming Operations at the OLF evolved over a 14 year period.

Separation of the integrated uses will undermine both the distribution and farm operations.

- <u>Limited application to legacy facilities</u>. Four Criteria Required.
- (1) Distribution operations integrated with farm use (2) minimum 100,000+ sq ft of buildings
 (3) buildings established on or before May 19th,1970 (4) used for commercial distribution of products from other farms on or before May 19th, 1970



Facts About Liberty's Oregon Lavender Farm Operations

- Renewed the agricultural lands by de-stumping, de-rerocking, grading, soil supplementation, composting, propagated and planted 25 acres of cultivated lavender.
 - Invested over \$2,000,000.00 in renovating the 150,000 square foot legacy commercial facility and lavender cultivation and distillation practice.
 - Distribution resource for Oregon farms to market their essential oil crops such as peppermint, clary sage, and dill and new R&D essential oil crops.
 - Supply resource for Oregon farm value added product manufacturing.
 - The Oregon Lavender Farm fields and herb garden have been Oregon Tilth Certified since 2007.
 - Features a 2 acre world class aromatic and medicinal herb garden.
 - Organic herbs grown in the garden are used for herbal extract production and the production of valued added natural products.
 - One of ten lavender farms featured in the new book Lavender Fields of America.
 - Supports a scholarship fund for the Clackamas Community College Horticulture Program since 2007.
 - Supporting the Springwater Environmental School to allow the students to experience the farm as an outdoor agricultural classroom and to teach them about the growing and marketing of agricultural products
 - Plans to promote Oregon agriculture through trade conferences in Oregon featuring Lavender, Peppermint and Wine.