

Dear Adam,

I would like to present this letter as public testimony on behalf of SB844-6.

Monika Gärtner

Dear Measure 91 Joint Committee,

Regarding: SB844-6

My name is Monika Gärtner, I live in Boring with my husband Norm Rice just above the NW Equestrian Center.

I have lived in Oregon and the Tri-County area for 48 years – 33 of those years in the country on acreage. My 3 girls grew up with farm animals and their ponies and horses. When I purchased this house on Lariat Lane – it was because of the Equestrian Center, even so it was right off Hwy. 26. My grand-children spent every week-end with us and their 3 pet goats and lamb. Huge trucks and trailers coming from as far as Montana and Idaho - loaded with horses, would rumble past the house and we'd watch the horses being unloaded and loaded and trained. 4-H group kids and their parents would show up to rope steers delivered to the back of the barn. There are a couple other people who also bought homes bordering the Equestrian property - because of the closeness to the horse barn. This was a rather "whole-some" experience, including the manure piles.

Let me tell you what it's like to live in my house now - after an illegal pot grow center moved into the barn:

Now - when we sit in our living room, which overlooks the barn, for our morning coffee - we now overlook a security fence, a security gate and several sets of security cameras. One of these motion detection cameras, including a bright light - is posted next to their gate - adjacent to our property line and drive way entrance and is pointed toward our easement road and the total east side of our house, the garage door, our drive-way and out-building and part of the garden area.

If you come to visit us - you will be filmed and you will be on tape and your license plate can be checked to see who you are. Big brother has arrived in Boring.

When I walk out of my garage for any reason – to walk my dog or carry my garbage down to the end of my driveway, or to work in my garden - I am being filmed. I consider that an intrusion/invasion of my privacy.

Since I was born and raised in a country where everyone was spied on by the Nazi regime – this is extremely un-nerving to me.

Anyone not aware - that a security gate was erected next to our drive-way, with 2 signs reading: “Video Surveillance” –

“Trespassers will be prosecuted”, can’t turn around, unless they utilize part of either one of our driveways. This easement now has become a dead-end road, since there is no gate return.

If this federally illegal grow center is allowed to operate – in this location – our quality of life will continue to unravel, our property values will go down the drain and our safety with only 2 police officers covering this area and stretching all the way up to Mt. Hood will endanger our lives and that of our visitors.

This is just the beginning of what’s to come, if grow centers are allowed directly adjacent to residential homes.

I am not here to vilify the young men who are growing the pot – we have met them, they could be your children and/or grand-children and are polite young men, who are enabled by others by giving them the lease and therefore the space. It’s all a \$\$\$ thing.

I understand that measure 91 was passed in Oregon – therefore, PLEASE, please, government officials– GET IT RIGHT – before it goes into effect. There is so much to be done – Don’t let this great State of Oregon down!

Thank you very much.

Monika Gärtner