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Dear House Committee on Rules:

I would like to offer some comments regarding H.B. 2668 A and I would certainly appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in this matter.

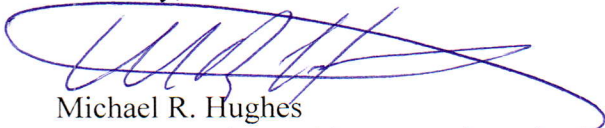
I am an Industrial Hemp and Seed Production license holder through the Oregon Department of Agriculture. I oppose this legislation and all the amendments to it. I oppose both the 5 mile buffer and the 3.5 mile buffer. I am aware of the issues of cross-pollination and could speak extensively about this issue if asked to. In the future I would entertain a pinning system. However, the time to start such a system is not after producers have planted and are in the middle of a growing season.

I am a cannabis law and production expert. I have extensive knowledge about cannabis production, including hemp production. This legislation is based on an over-reaction by some outdoor growers. I currently represent many medical cannabis growers and once they are given the facts, they tend to look at this issue more rationally.

I am about to leave for Salem and plan to attend today's hearing. If there would be time for brief testimony, I am sure that I could answer any questions and provide some insight that the Committee would find useful in analyzing this bill and the issues it presents.

Thank you for your time to and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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