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Beavercreek, Oregon
Clackamas County

January 29, 2016

TO: jml.exhibits@state.or.us and adam.crawford@state.or.us Public Testimony for HB4014

TO: Measure 91 Marijuana Joint Committee

I am unable to attend the public hearing for HB4014 on Feb. 2nd. Please consider this as a document for public testimony for HB4014.

- HB4014 makes changes to laws regulating production, processing, sale, use and governance of cannabis.
- Changes become operative March 1, 2016.

Regarding:

NOTE: I AM OPPOSED removing the 2 year residency and am requesting that marijuana be removed from the law as an agricultural crop

- Sec. 1, 2 (b) Removes 2 year residency requirement
- Requesting that the Oregon legislature remove marijuana as a defined agricultural farm crop

We are opposed to lifting the 2 year residency requirement, because we are being greatly impacted in our rural communities by out-of-town investors buying up land in the middle of our rural residential farming areas. By lifting the 2 year residency requirement you are opening the doors to a flood of wannabe pot entrepreneurs. We are also opposed to the legislature having redefined marijuana as an agricultural farm crop. How is it possible that our legislators can take a federally illegal drug which brings a lot of risks to our communities and redefine it as if it were a tomato? This is wrong and we ask that our legislators remove this designation from marijuana as it is still a federally illegal drug.

With February 2016 legislation sessions coming up there will be Pro Marijuana advocates at these hearings pushing for more liberal changes to the existing HB3400 marijuana law. We want to be clear this has to stop; this is a severe quality of life and safety issue for the surrounding communities and children. Families have already suffered enough with the many issues from marijuana grows that have been forced upon them. A large portion of these grows are operating

illegally like the one located in Beavercreek at 24200 S Highland Crest Drive or Lane in some Clackamas County records. This medical marijuana site operates under the name of Herbaceous Farms and is located on Ag/Forest land and moved into the area hoping to turn the entire 38 acres into a medical marijuana grow and processing site and then turn it into a commercial marijuana growing site.

Even though Herbaceous Farms may have a medical marijuana license from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) through its Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) to grow medical marijuana (they will not confirm or deny), we have received confirmation from Clackamas County land use commissioners that it has been and is currently illegal to grow medical marijuana on land zoned AG/Forest. And according to OMMP it is also illegal to grow medical marijuana for profit, sell excess marijuana and marijuana plants of which they have been doing.

As cofounder of Highland Crest Neighborhood Watch Citizen I can state that there is 22 families currently being impacted by activities of Herbaceous Farms and this number continues to grow. These families have grave concerns that our elected officials are letting this continue throughout Clackamas County and the state.

We ask that you as our legislator take a proactive role in this next legislative 2016 session to HALT this out of control infiltration of marijuana into our local rural residential farming, timber, and agricultural communities.

I have attached a copy of the offending property in our area and a copy of a case study file of other properties in the State and County that are being tracked by Citizens for Public Safety, Quality of Life, and Property Values. This file validates that though many of the citizens in Oregon were duped into voting for tax and regulating marijuana; they were not told that large commercial and medical marijuana grows would be allowed to be in our rural residential areas as a farm crop, opening up the door to destroy the rural way of life throughout Oregon.

My family purchased our property in the rural Beavercreek area over ten years ago and have spent uncountable hours and money over this time improving this property through overall property clean up, reforestation, landscaping projects and building of a new home. In doing this we have invested our entire future on the value of our property investment which was made for a safe and peaceful place to raise our family which includes two minor children.

Our property and the properties around us are a minimum of approximately 5 acres and more. For those who do not live in rural neighborhoods you would think that this would place you apart from being affected daily by marijuana grow facility but this is not true. In February of 2015 with no notification to us our surrounding neighbors a medical grow facility was established on a neighboring property that has a shared property line with us. Since that time our once peaceful, safe property that our children, extended family and friends enjoyed roaming outdoors on has become a very different place to live.

The question that Oregon needs to answer for all our citizens is why would we allow any one person or a business to be able to move onto any property and drastically change the quality of life and safety of all the surrounding neighbors especially children? Below is a list of the kinds of activities that our family is now exposed to due to the marijuana growing operation that operates under the name Herbaceous Farms.

1. Marijuana that is being grown and processed in view of children (We have taught our children not to use drugs yet they now are able to view it at their own home which we cannot stop).
2. Excessive noise levels from the amount of people and vehicles coming to and from the grow property.
3. Marijuana usage parties on the grow property with excessive noise including a live band.
4. The staff and friends of the grow operation smoking pot in public view of our children.
5. Excessive noise levels from the fans and HVAC systems for the grow facility.
6. Loud motorcycles and quads being raced on our property line during day and nighttime hours.
7. Odor issues not only from the marijuana grow but unsafe chemicals and plant remnants being exposed of on the grow property.

I want to convey loud and clear that it is extremely important that our Oregon Legislators stand up for the public safety and quality of life of the rural citizen's families that they represent. HB3400 was put into place in such a way that did not allow local jurisdictions to first see what the OLCC and OHA new rules and regulations would look like before they were forced to make impactful decisions for their Cities and Counties. This is like saying trust me, before you see all the details of the program and this loophole has not allowed adequate time for educating the community or discussion around this every important and life changing topic, since marijuana is still a federally illegal drug and brings with it a lot of risks to our communities. What I have conveyed is a demonstration of the impact that these facilities are having on our public safety, quality of life, and property values in the surrounding rural communities of Upper and Lower Highland road area in Beavercreek located in Clackamas County.

The behavior exhibited by Herbaceous Farms, staff and customers or in fact by any business should not be tolerated by Clackamas County or the State of Oregon.

We are opposed to lifting the 2 year residency and ask that you remove marijuana as an agricultural farm crop designation.

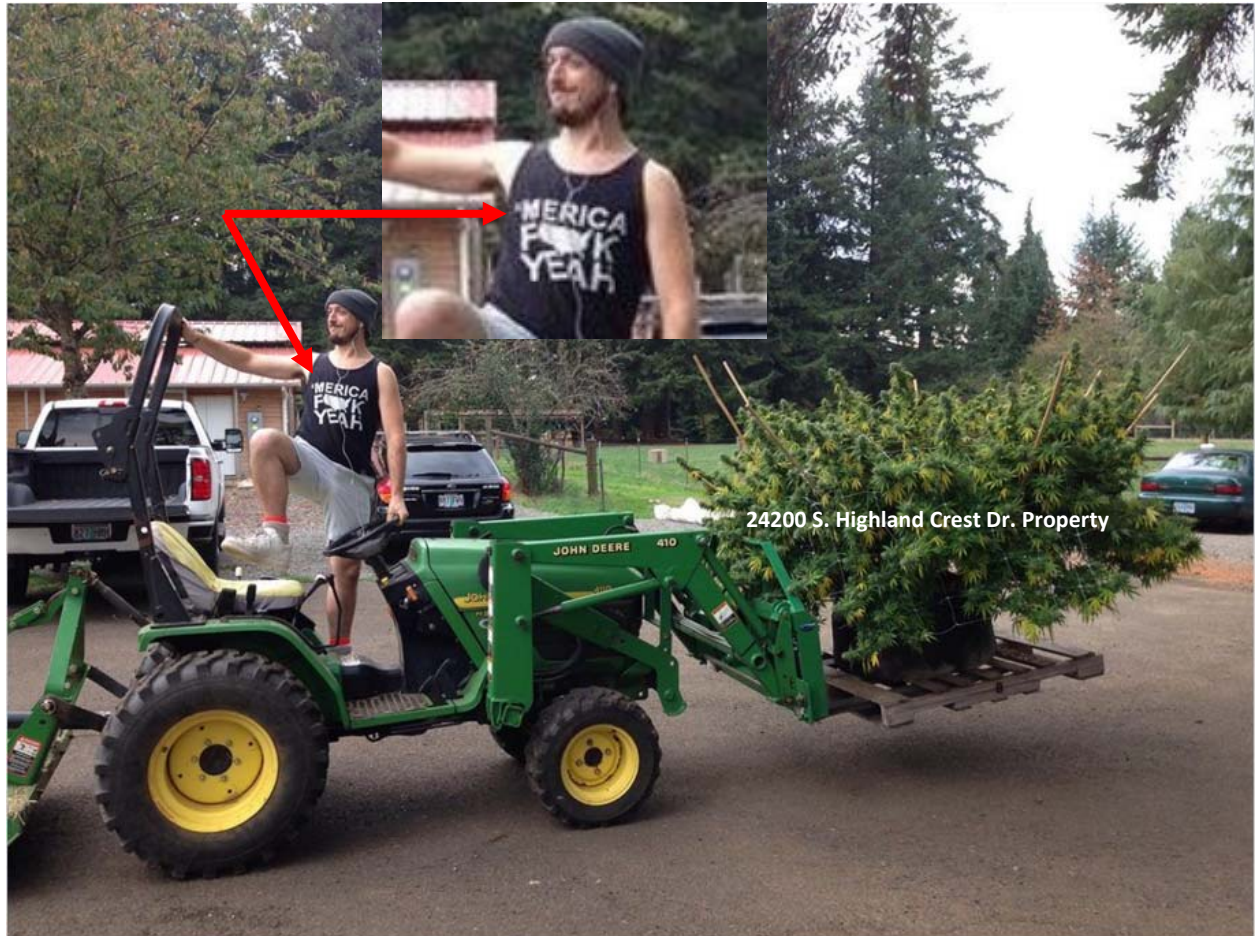
Sincerely,

Steve Chianello and
The Chianello family

- Clackamas County Chair John Ludlow, and Commissioners Smith, Schrader, Bernard, & Savas
- Lynn Saxton-Director of the Oregon Health Authority

Exhibits 1 – 7, on following pages below.

Exhibit 1: The Character of marijuana growers.



24200 S. Highland Crest Dr. Property

Exhibit 2: Herbaceous Farms Staff

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Exhibit 3: Herbaceous Farms staff processing to load music in violation of Clackamas County Title 6 section 6.05, noise nuisance laws.



Exhibit 4: Old marijuana plants and marijuana remnants being discarded on property.



Exhibit 5: Herbaceous Farm, Staff in public view with people living in trailer.



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Exhibit 6: New propane tank and Marijuana oil extracting building from my property “Hash Lab” – No permits obtained.



Exhibit 7: Example of Marijuana plants that can be seen by public and children.



