

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for considering my comments for the record.

My name is Lindsey Pate. I am a cannabis producer and processor in rural Deschutes county and as you may remember from my verbal testimony, I have been diligently working for the last two and half years to build out my family's cannabis farm on Exclusive Farm Use land.

Prior to measure 91 passing, we knew that to continue operating as cannabis farmers we needed to purchase EFU land. It took us months to locate a property that was properly zoned, had the right sun exposure, and had the ability to bring in appropriate water rights.

When Deschutes County opted out of cannabis businesses and invited me to serve on our Marijuana Advisory Committee, I was honored to be part of that work. It was important that we adopted regulations that were reasonable for both rural residents and cannabis business owners.

A year later, it is unfortunate to see transparent cannabis businesses be impacted by these rules and the application process in Deschutes County that was not fully discussed prior to adoption. For example, the SDC charges present a burden of entry exclusive to our County. In terms of security, it is concerning that all adjacent property owners within 750 feet of the property line (regardless of how large the parcel is) are notified of the change in land use, in addition to floor plans becoming part of the public record. Farm structures including greenhouses are subject to burdensome fire improvements, that in my farm's case, are inappropriate given the nature of the farming methods and proposed greenhouse.

The lengthy Opt Out period followed by a lengthy application process that allows for neighbor appeals is challenging for agriculture; when we couple this with the sunset of the early sales initiative, that challenge is significantly amplified. As a consequence, I am failing as a farm and it is not for lack of compliancy to rules or our ability to produce. I do not believe that this is the precedence we want to set, as it is resulting in respectful, compliant producers closing their doors on properly zoned EFU land. I had hoped to provide this feedback to the county, and unfortunately, my efforts to communicate have been ignored.

I support reasonable regulations that move the cannabis space into transparency and while this process is not always an easy path I believe that with thoughtful consideration, SB 1057 will progress cannabis production to have a valuable economic impact in Oregon. In addition, it should provide the regulatory reform required to protect Oregon over the next few years as federal regulations evolve under our new administration. I ask that you support this bill and specifically support the -11 amendment.

Thank you again for considering my comments,

Lindsey Pate
CEO and Co-Founder of Glass House Grown



www.GlassHouseGrown.com

Integrity

Excellence

Transparency

Service