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To: Chair Burdick, Co-Chair Lininger and Committee

I am Jerry Powell of Deschutes County. I have lived in Oregon for all of my adult life and at my current residence in rural Deschutes County for over 38 years. I live on a 4 acre MUA-10 zoned parcel near a proposed 20 acre EFU commercial marijuana grow.

I have been very opposed to the legalization of any and all drugs for recreational use. I don't understand how marijuana was even legalized for "medical use" since all other drugs have to be approved by the food and drug administration. Needless to say, I am opposed to any reduction or loosening of the current code and rules regarding the production of marijuana.

Deschutes County has codes and rules in effect that regulate life in the country regarding outside lighting and noise, to name just a couple. The marijuana industry violates these codes regularly and code enforcement has been powerless to control them in any way.

The marijuana industry should be required to abide by all County, State, and Federal laws like all other rural farmers.

The State of Oregon has some huge financial problems to solve. POT IS NOT THE ANSWER!

Please take the time to read an article "UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES" published by the Bend Bulletin in the Pulse Magazine Fall/Winter 2016 Edition.

Thank you for listening

Jerry Powell