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Subject: Letter to Oregon Legislature

To: Chair Burdick, Co-Chair Lininger and Committee

Oregon State Capitol

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My name is Dolores Piatt and my husband, Richard, and I live in Deschutes County. We are very concerned about the outcome of the appeal of a proposed 20 acre EFU commercial marijuana production facility in Bend. Our son and daughter-in-law, Lance and Monika Piatt, own the abutting property with adjoining driveways.

We are also concerned with what is happening to Deschutes County and the State of Oregon. We moved here from California because of the laid-back atmosphere. Now Deschutes County is becoming like Los Angeles with its crime. We have seen first-hand in our own family what marijuana can do to our children, young people and adults. "Recreational Marijuana" is only the stepping-off point to stronger and more potent drugs in order to receive that "high" e.g. ecstasy, heroin, meth and cocaine. These more potent drugs destroy the lives of our loved ones, including those of their family members.

Is the money that Oregon will obtain through the growing and sale of marijuana worth the lives that are lost and destroyed because of drug abuse? How much money will Oregon have to spend to keep these users in prison and half-way houses? How much money will it cost our taxpayers for hospital and health care to assist these users of drugs? How much money will it cost our tax payers to police these marijuana growers when the drug cartels come in later after these production facilities are in full swing?

We support the Deschutes County Commissioners and oppose any attempts through the SB1057-11 Amendment to try and remove any of the current Marijuana Regulatory Time, Manner and Place Regulations. Deschutes County has spent months listening to all concerns of both the marijuana industry and rural residents. We need to think of the safety of our residents and not set our values on the money the marijuana industry will bring into Oregon's Treasury.

Thank you for listening to a concerned citizen.

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