

April 21, 2017

Dear Chair Burdick, Co-Chair Lininger and Committee:

As a resident of Deschutes County I want to voice my family's opposition toward any attempt to remove the current regulatory time, manner and place regulations. As law abiding citizens everyone involved would be remiss to allow the marijuana industry in Deschutes County to not abide by strict regulations. Any industry such as this one, that has potential dangers in many ways, needs to be kept in check. The families that are living in rural areas, their lives would change, if marijuana farms are allowed without strict regulations. Property values would go down due to overwhelming evidence that most people would not want to live by a marijuana farm. There is potential for crime, the smell is horrible and lingering, loss of privacy due to surveillance cameras, high traffic and pollution. As more and more people enter the Marijuana industry and have no regulations on their farms there is a potential for unintended consequences. It is prudent for those who are in the position to protect the community, to circumspectly think through all aspects of the possible harm that this industry can inflict on a community. Regulations and Laws against industries that have potential dangers help keep a community healthy and prosperous.

Sincerely,

Rick and April Johnson