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FROM: Richard and Maria Wattier, Deschutes County residents

Re: SB875 and HB2198

We have been residents of Deschutes County for 40 years and owners/caretakers of a 20-acre parcel on which we raise grass-fed cattle within a half mile from a proposed cannabis facility.

1. We are in SUPPORT of SB874 directing businesses and those working for those businesses to report violations of marijuana laws and regulations.

In support of maintaining those aforementioned regulations currently in place, we add our OPPOSITION to removing Time, Manner and Places for grows as well as opposing attempts to compel any Oregon county to opt in. Each county should be entitled to make a choice. MEASURE SB874 assumes regulations, rules and guidelines which require strict compliance. Any attempt at this point to remove or lessen those requirements would be moving backwards.

2. We DO NOT SUPPORT HB2198 allowing OLCC to change its name to Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission and, under ORS471.705(1) allowing overly strong representation from the cannabis industry and giving the Governor discretion for up to five commissioners from the same political party.

3. We STRONGLY support the Deschutes County Commissioners who have spent considerable time, effort and energy hearing the multitudes of concerns from the cannabis industry and rural residents.

In summary, we SUPPORT our Commissioners in their efforts to keep and uphold current regulations. We SUPPORT strict and fair regulations.

It is obvious from the quantity of amendments to the marijuana regulations already in place that the controls around this new industry were not clearly spelled out to begin with. Enacting a MORATORIUM for a period of time to allow for ironing out the legalities, details, rules, regulations and controls would be welcome and effective.

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