

February 28, 2019

**Dear Senate Committee on Business and General Government,
Senators Riley, Girod, Dembrow, Hass and Olsen**

RE: SB218

My name is Sherri Markham. My husband and I have lived in rural Boring Oregon since November 1989, almost 30 years.

When pot became legal to grow in Oregon, a large multi-licensed commercial marijuana grow operation began without our knowledge replacing a tree nursery. The pot farm has destroyed our livability. The access road to the pot farm runs up the south side of our property and across the back. Daily approximately 60-75 cars fly up and down the gravel access road which has 10 MPH speed signs posted which means 30-55 MPH to pot growers. That does not include cars and trucks throughout the night or semis, gravel, cement trucks and other commercial vehicles, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. What was once was a tree nursery has turned into a non-stop source of noise, weird smells, and pink lights visible from our backyard. We can no longer use half of our almost 7 acres and can only safely put two of our horses on 1-1/2 acres behind the barn since pot growers take great joy in scaring the horses. Until the multi-licensed commercial marijuana grow operation came to be, you could hear a pin drop at night, it was so quiet. With the stench from the pot grow operation, we are no longer able to breath clean fresh air. My husband and I were told that growing marijuana is no different than growing lavender or tomato plants when it comes to air quality.

Brad Troutner, the owner of the pot grow operation has 54 metal buildings on site with multi-licensed users.

I find it interesting that in all the years we have lived here that the property when it was a tree nursery did not create an inconvenience during their planting, growing and harvesting unlike the pot growers who go 24/7, 365 days a year.

We own our property, we pay our taxes but we don't have any **RIGHTS**. According to Clackamas County and the OLCC Pot Growers have all the rights with no restrictions.

Thank you for your time.

Sherri M. Markham