

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Michael Johnson, and I am the C.O.O. of Siskiyou Sungrown, one of Oregon's leading cannabis companies. We currently have our operations based in Southern Oregon, just south of Grants Pass, in Josephine County.

I'm writing today to give my perspective on HB 2382.

First, I believe this bill has good intentions. Rural counties like Josephine and Jackson have an outsized share of the cannabis production in Oregon, and yet they receive very little tax revenue that's collected by the state. I wholly support their effort to get more tax revenue for their counties.

However, HB 2382 is the wrong way to get it. By placing a substantial tax on cannabis producers, who are already greatly struggling, they will jeopardize the existence of our businesses down here. It very well may be the straw that breaks the camels back.

A farm like ours, which currently sits on 2 parcels in Josephine County, would be taxed at \$80,000 per year with this proposal. For a business that has yet to make a profit, this could be a death sentence.

I urge you to vote 'No' on HB 2382. And I also urge the legislature to consider changing the way that tax revenue is shared among our counties, so that small population counties like ours can share in the rewards from the sale of recreational cannabis.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Michael Johnson
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