

Hello,

I am writing this letter to show my support SB-365; thank you for taking the time to read it. My name is Tim Caine and I live in Bend, Oregon.

I ask that you support SB-365. It is really important that cannabis land uses previously approved are not subject to re-zoning that could cause non-conformance. We have 3 families that would lose our opportunity to make a living farming. Nearly \$300,000.00 of investment would be lost if the zoning were changed and we could no longer grow cannabis.

In addition to creating some very reasonable protections for farmers in Deschutes County, supporting SB-365 will remove the SDC fees in Deschutes County that are being charged on cannabis farms. These fees should not be applied to a farmland regardless of the crop they grow and those fees create an unequal opportunity in Deschutes County for cannabis farmers when compared to other parts of Oregon. Those fees also add to the burdensome process that Deschutes County has adopted. They have charged over \$25,000.00 in SDCs to our farm and refuse to maintain the county road we use to access it. They issued us a driveway permit on this road and concluded it's a local use road so they aren't responsible to maintain the road. But, demanded \$25,000.00 because we are a commercial use. No other crop is treated in this way. Please protect our right to farm in Deschutes county.

By supporting SB-365 you are supporting a fair and reasonable possibility that will make a big difference to myself, my partners and employees. Cannabis has created a vast new economy and the County Commissioners are trying subvert the will of the voters and thereby destroy a strong new economy in rural Deschutes county.

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