

Honorable Chair and honorable Members of the committee,

I urge a no-vote on SB 218.

Our family has owned an 83-acre farm in Southern Oregon for more than 20 years. We tried to make a go of it with chickens, cows, and sundry other (legal) ways but to no avail.

Growing marijuana seems to be a good opportunity to take our small family farm to prosperity. We applied for a Micro Tier II license (indoor; less than 1,250 square feet) before the June 15, 2018 moratorium took effect. Of course, we invested a considerable amount of money to get ready. For almost a year now, we have waited with baited breath to receive our license. With every passing day remaining in this holding pattern, the costs increase.

SB 218-B, as currently written, does not reduce production since it does not limit existing licensees from producing more. Allow our family a chance to recoup our investments and make a go of our farm. Please vote no on SB 218.

Thank you for your consideration.

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