

Dear House Committee on General Government Members,

I am writing in support of House Bill 3239 to regulate where / how cannabis may be grown / processed. I strongly oppose the permitting of a hemp growing / processing facility at 18505 Jaquith Road.

I live on Chehalem Mountain and had to evacuate in September 2020 from two nearby encroaching fires, one of which allegedly was caused by a poorly extinguished campfire (during a high wind event). The Committee is aware of the difficulties local fire agencies encountered fighting these fires, including remoteness of the area, lack of adequate water resources, and steep terrain.

A marijuana/hemp grow/processing operation in this proposed location will not only deplete the aquifer on which so many wells depend, but will also pose a direct fire danger to the area due to its use of explosive/flammable chemicals. This is essentially a residential / farmstead area, remote from first responder firefighters and not suited to a potentially hazardous facility.

Thank you for your consideration of my email.

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