

I write in favor of limiting the locations of cannabis processing plants. My concerns are the limited water availability in rural settings where the majority of dwellings and small farmers must use well water for household uses as well as livestock water and rural fire risk from chemical fires. This past summer was an excellent example of the risk for fire as the Chehalem Mtn fire required air drops of water from Hagg Lake and tank trucks trying to fill from local ponds. We owe a great deal to the TVFR heroes who saved our neighborhood. And on 3-16 of this year we saw a large chemical fire at a processing plant in Cornelius. Had that fire happened on Chehalem Mountain at a cannabis processing plant that is being proposed it would be devastating. The Chehalem Aquifer is not able to support water use as would be needed for the cannabis plant. Last years Chehalem Mountain fire was bad and that was started by an incompletely doused back yard fire pit. I urge you to support this bill and protect the rural communities in Oregon by locating these plants in locations supported by proper water supply and immediate response by emergency and fire services. Thank you