

To whom it may concern,

My family and I are writing in favor of limiting the locations of cannabis processing plants. Our main concerns are the limited water availability in our area, lack of fire response support, and the risk of wildfire during the dry summer months.

This past summer we saw firsthand the risk for fire as most of the Chehalem Mountain area had to evacuate for a week while the Chehalem Mtn fire was trying to be contained. This recent wildfire required air drops of water from Hagg Lake and tank trucks trying to fill from local ponds. Thankfully the TVFR firefighters and other local agencies were able to save our neighborhood and rural farms. Another recent example occurred this week when we saw a large chemical fire at a processing plant in Cornelius. I can't imagine if that fire had happened on Chehalem Mountain at the cannabis processing plant that is being proposed. The results would be devastating.

The Chehalem Aquifer is not able to support water use as would be needed for the large scale commercial cannabis plant. My family urges you to support this bill and protect the rural communities in Oregon by locating these plants in industrial and commercial locations which are better supported by proper water supply and immediate response by emergency and fire services.

Thank you for your time and support,

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