

Our family is in support of HB 3239. Where we live on Chehalem Mountain, we are now having to be concerned with danger of highly flammable chemicals being stored a few miles away from our house and fight for our water rights due to a Marijuana/Hemp grow and processing lab trying to establish. It is something that we never thought we'd even have to worry about. With the industry being so new, it seems that these types of regulations are necessary. After seeing articles about the chemicals needed to extract CBD and the explosions that have occurred, due to the volatility and quantity of the chemicals used, we are scared for the community on this mountain (and others with similar circumstances). Especially after the wildfires that happened recently and how difficult it was for TVF&R to get the water needed to fight it. These fires require chemical retardants that are not stored in these types of settings, so being in an industrial area instead of a highly forested environment is definitely a way to protect families and their homes. We support the marijuana industry, just feel there needs to be restrictions on putting processing facilities in areas other than industrial areas where safety is better established. Commercial operations like this should be located in an industrial area, with regular inspections for safety, ready access to fire infrastructure and with fire suppression equipment, and access to first responders. This local facilities is also trying to grow a highly irrigated crop in a "Limited Groundwater Aquifer" and threatening thousands of people's access to water. Like I said, not something we thought we would even have to be concerned about raising our family on acreage. This bill is absolutely necessary and we fully support it. Thank you!