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RE: HB 3239 – SUPPORT

I am writing in support of HB 3239, which will limit where cannabis may be processed. As a resident of rural property designated as farm & forest land, I oppose processing facilities that will have a negative impact on the livability and safety of our fragile rural land.

While farming of cannabis crops is allowed, the processing of such crops using flammable & hazardous liquids is not an activity that should be allowed in an area that has limited access to fire fighting equipment, and the lack of proper groundwater protections. I live downhill from a current grow & processing facility that was approved in 2020. This facility is located in an area of limited water, no fire hydrants and residential properties that utilize wells for drinking water. The concerns that these chemicals may combust are very serious, but the concern that they may leach into the ground water is frightening. Homes without water are unlivable.

Please consider my letter as testimony for today's hearing.

Regards,

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