

To whom it may concern,

My husband and I purchased 2 1/2 acres of land on Chehalem Mt in Newberg, OR less than one year ago with a plan of building our retirement home. Little did we know at the time we'd be fighting to save our residential well aquifer and the tranquility of the area we call home. Chemical processing belongs in an industrial zone, not in a rural setting. Processing cannabis can be a very dangerous activity, especially extracting hash oil using butane and other flammable chemicals. Their use of chemicals, electricity and water cannot be defined as "farming" or "agriculture." There are appropriate places to have such commercial operations where they can be properly taxed and served by government resources. Such operations should be restricted to industrial locations not in rural areas surrounded by tree farms, forested acreage, vineyards and/or farmland.

My husband and I strongly support HB 3239 which would allow for safer, more appropriate sitings of this type of processing.

Sincerely,

Paul and Laurie Barton