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To: House Committee on General Government; others

Re: I SUPPORT [HB 3239]...CONDITIONALLY...AMENDMENTS ARE NEEDED!

[HB 3239] fails miserably to address the complaints to wit this case is based.

I am sincerely thankful and grateful to Representative Post, for his intervention(s) to rectify, a series horrendous wrongs committed by Yamhill County's; Planning Department; Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners who seem to all work in concert with one another's judgment-no matter how flawed.

Their callous indifference and reckless disregard for; the safety, well being and water supplies of the residents and established agricultural businesses of Chehalem Mountain is legendary as it is maliciously cruel.

With reference to the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners; **Commissioner Mary Starrett**, "voted to authorize and or permit" the accursed Marijuana / Hemp processing facility despite; serious and protracted cries of despair by many of the residents of Chehalem Mountain who have also submitted written testimony on [HB 3239]. *[**Ms. Laura Cochran** was so besieged with fear of her disabled son and mother being blown-up and or burned to death from the Marijuana / Hemp processing facility [her house was (37) feet away] she became so very sickened from pursuing this matter, she died.]

We all are sinners. Perhaps Commissioner Starrett has seen "the light" and her testimony supporting [HB 3239] is a penitential act of contrition. But, **I believe Commissioner Starrett's "supportive testimony"** is a doleful, handdog attempt to mollify the residents of Chehalem Mountain into voting for her in the next election cycle. **Commissioner Starrett** has always, "voted to authorize and or permit" other Marijuana processing operations in Yamhill County.

***The construction of [HB 3239] is pathetic and incompetent. "2000 feet from an area zoned residential" is less than one-half of a mile. Marijuana / Hemp Processing Operations should not be anywhere in "rural areas" of Oregon.

*****Marijuana / Hemp Processing should be located in an incorporated Municipality's Industrial Zone.** A "fire safety plan" is only as good as a Fire Department's ability to design safety plans to: inspect, prevent and extinguish fires. **There is "No" water for fire fighting on Chehalem Mountain.**

***[**HB 3239**] does not address the need for the **Water Resources Department** to report on the water availability for existing residential and agricultural uses. Marijuana / Hemp growing and processing uses enormous amounts of water, in this particular case, it has been stated; [7,000,000 million gallons per year].

*****The aforementioned needs to be clarified and Amendments constructed and added to [HB 3239].**

For inspection purposes by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) check out the inspections required in Yamhill County alone:

https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana/Documents/MarijuanaLicenses_approved.pdf

Respectfully submitted,

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