

My name is Mark Taylor, I am the founder of the SO OR Hemp Co-Op. I speak in opposition to bill 1564 the Proposed Moratorium on the Growing of Hemp in 2022.

The word "No" is a very simplistic, not invoking creative thinking and yet very Harsh especially when it prevents our Farmers from the ability to Farm. The "Machine Gun" words, like Cease Farming for you, but not you, mows down the hopes and desires of new entrepreneur Farmers. Not only that but it Kills the depth of improvement that New Business minded People may bring into the Hemp Grow Arena. Your proposed Ban, you must recognize is draconian. There seemingly is no regards to denying Opportunities to "We The People" that yes want to participate in the "Free" and open Marketplace. I'm concerned that you in the ODA do not understand that in America the saying that only the Best Survive is a good thing. You that are pushing the Control Commerce basis with a "No" platform seem to be saying we like idea that "The Rest get to survive". The whole basis of this is wrong and unfair to Oregon and our Free Enterprise System.

The understanding that the Marketplace adjusts and delivers a Market Driven Control factor to the number of Businesses involved in Hemp Farming should Free the Bureaucrat from the guilt that surely any caring Government Representative would have in denying a Family Farmer the opportunity to Grow. I don't believe you are denying seed producers or other Ag endeavors the right to participate in their respective fields Commerce.

Since, I believe that each member of the ODA cares about each Farmer and their success might you consider what the SO Co Op does to help the Farmers when we're asked the question by the potential Farmer, Should I grow?

We produce a simple form that identifies a number of Base Business planning idioms that help that Family or individual make the right decision in the determination as to Grow or not.

However, I'm not in the Dream squashing Business so I never say "No" to those inquiring. You see I believe Representative Government can be helpful in producing an Outline to Grow by. The Farmer would listen to the ODA if it was structured "As Things to Consider when starting a Hemp Grow.

You have as a great knowledge partner the professionals at the OSU Innovation and research center. I'll bet they could help with a Grow Program, that every new Farmer would want to take. Now, your being creative not just the Low IQ plan of "No- you don't get to grow. "

The Members of the Co Op have Developed a High-Quality Hemp Grow Standard whereas each year Farmers come Forward to compete for The Golden Grow Awards. Talk about undermining the basis of Competition and the resultant of we get Better each year. Your "No" program will not Help Oregon maintain its status as the Hemp Grow Capital of The World. It is only the Competing nature of both old and new ideas amongst our Farm community that has gained us the envy of the World as to our place across the Globe recognizing that we Grow the Best Hemp.

Might I Ask if a small farmer Caught Covid last year as was unable to plant would you lose the future right to grow.

Also, your proposal to limit Farmers in that they must grow on the same property as previous years is antithetical to good farming practices.

Thank you for your consideration to my points of opposition to this Bill.

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