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On Behalf Of:

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My name is James Eitzen. I have been working in industrial hemp in Oregon for the last four years.

I've seen the early profitable stages and the growing pain stages. I was looking forward to this and next years season as I felt we were on an upward trend. When I learned of this bills intended purpose I became very concerned.

The actions outlined will severally impact vertically integrated farmers who also process and make their own products.

For instance this year we had planned to renew license this month in preparation for our season. We grow small acreage and use the hemp oils in our lotions, salves, tinctures and other products. Passing of this bill as is would essentially force us out of Oregon for hemp production.

This is the same for any small farmers that grow their own crops to make their own products. If we can't grow, we can't make products.