

Do not take away our statutory right to time, place, and manner regulations in Deschutes County.

All farm bureau members are either marijuana or hemp growers, therefore they are extremely biased and do not represent the interests of farmers or residents in Deschutes County. As a matter of fact, farmers in our area do not want to have anything to do with the farm bureau because of this.

We only allowed recreational Marijuana grows in our area because we were given the right to write our own regulations. Do not let the pot people take that right away from us now. They have already sucked dry enough groundwater wells in the High Desert so that neighbors had to spend thousands of dollars to dig deeper. They have destroyed good farmland with their greenhouse farms, and brought a lot of grief to neighbors in the form of noise, odor, crime, traffic, safety, and property values. We have 6 /2 years of oversupply and it is all going to go into the black market, not generate any more tax revenue for Oregon, only cause more costs in the form of policing, enforcing, regulating etc.

I say it again: We only allowed these pot growers because we were given the right to regulate them. Do not reverse this decision now. We have already fought enough with lawyers, going to appeals, spending our hard earned money keeping these people in line. We have had sleepless nights wondering what will happen to our children our neighborhoods, our safety. Let us not have to do more of this than we are already doing. We have had to form neighborhood coalitions, defend ourselves, educate the Commissioners on what is really going on.

The statutory right was given to us by the 2016 legislature, and led Deschutes Commissioners to create the regulations they have been applying, enforcing and interpreting for the past two and a half years. Taking away this statutory right to time, place, and manner regulations would be a HUGE mistake.

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