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Dear Jackson County resident:

This past year our valley has experienced a massive influx of cannabis cultivation locations all across our County. While some of these individuals are following the regulations and doing the right thing, many more are not. We have been working diligently to address this issue that negatively impacts the livability in Jackson County.

In 2021, we have allocated additional resources to our Illegal Marijuana Enforcement Team (IMET), formed collaborative partnerships with the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC), the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Jackson County Code Enforcement, and the Jackson County Watermaster. In addition, we continue to work with our state legislators to close the loopholes that make illegal cultivation of marijuana much easier.

Throughout our investigations we have found all manner of issues. These include a significant Cartel presence, Narco-Slavery, water misuse, environmental hazards, the import of hard drugs, and a plethora of other issues that affect everyday life in our County.

One particular issue we wanted to address with property owners in Jackson County is the many instances of land being leased for cannabis cultivation. We are finding many land leasers have been less than honest with the property owners about what they are cultivating, as well as what permitting and licensing have been obtained.

While the individuals leasing the land have been cited for multiple violations and in some cases arrested, the property owner can also be held liable for what is occurring on their land. This can include structures being built without permitting. In some cases, there could be criminal culpability depending on the circumstances. I am encouraging you to do your due diligence prior to leasing out your property, and to ensure those wishing to cultivate cannabis on your land are properly permitted and licensed.

For a list of frequently asked questions in regards to property owner liability, as well as examples of the proper permits and licenses, scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera or go to: jacksoncountyor.org/sheriff/Outreach/Property-Liabilities

Thank you for your time and assistance in keeping the criminal cannabis element out of our County.

Sincerely,

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