



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES
OF CALIFORNIA

March 15, 2018

The Honorable Timothy Grayson
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4164
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 3112 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Grayson:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for your Assembly Bill 3112, which would impose restrictions on the sale of butane. RCRC is an association of thirty-five rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from those member counties.

In the last several years, there has been a dramatic proliferation of cannabis cultivation in rural areas, and one of the by-products of cultivation is its use for other products. As such, the manufacturing and production of cannabis by-products such as “Honey Oil” has become a growing problem in California’s rural communities. Honey Oil is a liquid that contains concentrated levels of cannabinoids and is often illegally manufactured with the use of butane in facilities that do not contain appropriate safeguards. The illegal and unlicensed production of Honey Oil has been associated with residential fires and increased numbers of burn victims at rural health care facilities. As the number of these illegal manufacturing grows, highly flammable butane canisters are also finding their way into local landfills and recycling facilities, which pose additional safety and environmental issues.

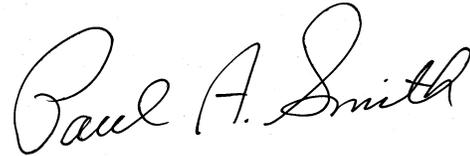
AB 3112 would make it unlawful to sell nonodorized butane, except in items such as lighters and small containers of butane used to refill lighters. RCRC supports efforts that help rural counties address the proliferation of Honey Oil manufacturing, and we believe AB 3112 would help local law enforcement, firefighters, and medical personnel by restricting the illegal use of butane.

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For these reasons, RCRC supports your AB 3112. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 447-4806.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

PAUL A. SMITH
Vice President Governmental Affairs

cc: Members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee
Consultant, Assembly Public Safety Committee