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Representative Lininger,

I am a small business owner and a member of the Oregon Cannabis Association. I am concerned that HB 2198 will penalize me for following the rules the state has put in place for the legal recreational marijuana market. Allowing individuals to sell 20 pounds into the recreational market with lower standards than my business simply allows others to artificially undercut my business and livelihood. I encourage the committee to make sure there is a fair and even playing field for all.

I understand the need to address leakage and provide an option for patients. Medical dispensaries are essentially gone. Medical growers that grow for their patients are absolutely important and critical to people who use cannabis medically. The "medical market", which in my opinion was recreational when we had excess product being sold to "dispensaries", has essentially disappeared. That has left medical growers who decided not to apply for recreational growing and processing licenses with an abundance of "medical product". Why should the recreational market and everyone who has gone through building small business, applying for licenses, investing life savings, background checks, and adapting to an ever changing regulatory landscape be the people who are going to lose.....? This isn't fair and is the wrong approach to fixing the problem.

The OHA needs to take responsibility and actually regulate, track, and enforce their requirements and laws. The medical market should also be required to use seed to sale tracking. If there is excess product that can't be used by patients than it needs to be destroyed, not allowed into the recreational market. If it's allowed into the recreational market than everyone who has invested into it will be drastically affected and it will be extremely unfair. We have had to spend millions to fight for our ability to even receive our recreational licenses, and to think the legislature is just going to allow "medical growers" to now have access to recreational market without even applying for a license is absurd!

Thanks,

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