## **Burgess Donna**

From:

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Sent:

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 2:26 PM

To:

JMR Exhibits; Crawford Adam

Subject:

In support of Senate Bills 307,308 and 788 Social Consumption

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

In 2009, I opened the nations first Cannabis Cafe as a safe space for Oregon Medical Marijuana Act cannabis patients to consume out of public view, as per our law. After years of advocating for patients and hearing their painful stories of isolation causing deep depression in so many, missing social interaction with a larger community of their peers, I became a cannabis community organizer.

Now that Cannabis is legal for adults in Oregon we are left out, with no safe place to consume. Many cannot consume inside their homes or apartments nor can we consume outdoors. Where shall we consume? Laws and over regulation such as the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act create a grey area which causes violations and disrespect for the law. Oregonians legalized cannabis because we believe that cannabis it is safer than alcohol.

Businesses such as the World Famous Cannabis Cafe can only continue to thrive and protect cannabis consumers rights in the spirit of Oregon's law with sensible legislation such as SB 307. Please support consumer rights and the cannabis industry, we are all your constituents.

Changing How We Live,

Madeline Martinez NORML/NWA World Famous Cannabis Cafe