

To Chair Riley and Members of the Committee on Business and General Government;

As a citizen of Oregon and a member of my community, I would like to express strong support for SB 639. This bill respects the rights of adults in our state to use cannabis in a responsible setting, and supports the intention of Oregon voters to promote public safety through appropriate regulation of cannabis and cannabis use.

Current policies do not promote safe spaces for cannabis use, nor do they represent the will of Oregon voters, more than 56% of whom voted in 2014 to legalize, tax, and regulate adult use cannabis. Not only would legal social consumption spaces reduce the threat of irresponsible cannabis use on our streets, it also provides an opportunity to create additional needed revenue for the state, and continue Oregon's national leadership in developing responsible cannabis policies.

I strongly urge all committee members to move SB 639 forward to increase public safety, provide additional state revenue for schools, promote Oregon tourism and leadership through implementation of safe and effective policies, and support the will of a majority of Oregon voters to allow for responsible adult cannabis use.

Thank you. Your time and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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