

Good Morning,

Adding a tax to an industry that is already overtaxed will cripple us. We are the only industry in the state of Oregon that has to pay both a sales tax and CAT tax. This is already unacceptable, and that doesn't include the heavy burden of 280E! The only reason Oregon has been successful at limiting the relevance of the illicit market is due to our ability to compete with it. If you increase our tax burden the illicit market will thrive. The current tax structure already makes it hard for us to meet payroll every two weeks. With 280E, lack of insurance, lack of banking, no access to federal aid for natural disasters or covid, no bankruptcy protections, over-regulation, etc. - and additional tax burden on operators would make our position worse.

By taxing the Oregon Cannabis industry more you will force businesses to shut down which will greatly reduce your overall tax revenue coming from the industry. This is not a logical approach and I highly suggest you analyze this before you make such hasty decisions.