

To Oregon State Legislature,

I have founded and operated multiple businesses for over 14 years, the last 7 have been in the Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis industry in the State of Oregon. I strongly oppose this increase in tax for the following reasons:

- 1.) This will drive consumers back to the illicit market, putting consumers health and safety at risk. It is more clear now than ever, that an unregulated market is a massive health and safety concern.
- 2.) By driving people to the illicit market, this will not only put current operators out of business, but will reduce net tax revenue to the State
- 3.) It is my understanding that there are millions of dollars in uncollected sales tax revenue that businesses can't afford to pay already. The state should be focused on collecting the current taxes that remain unpaid instead of increasing taxes on businesses that cannot afford to pay now.
- 4.) We are already the only industry in the state that has to pay CAT Tax and Sales Tax
- 5.) This is the most competitive industry in the state as it is with thin margins and extraordinarily high tax rates on the Federal level,

Sincerely,

Kevin Hogan
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