

Hi my name is Justin Wagner. I am an OLCC producer in Josephine county.

I'd like to share an experience that has greatly affected our business. In 2019 we decided to have our trim and unsellable biomass processed into an RSO oil. It cost us about \$12,000. The processor was kind enough to store it for us for almost a year while we were trying to come up with more funds to package it and market it. They could no longer store it so we had to move it to one of the wholesaler locations that were selling products for us. The value of the oil in its bulk form was at least \$25,000. Little did we know, the owner of that wholesaler was involved in illegal activity on the side and last September, unfortunately for us, were raided by the federal government. All of our product, as well as any other businesses they were working with, was seized. To make matters worse, our attorney says there is a very slim chance of getting anything out of a lawsuit against them due to limited assets available after the raid. If we were able to store our extracts at our facility we would have not lost that product. That was only a portion of our loss but would have been so helpful because it was something that we could have sold right now for operating funds.

We have another smaller batch of extract that has been hard to sell and needs to be distilled down to make it a more desirable product. We haven't had the funds to get it distilled so we are storing it with a different wholesaler facility. They have a monthly fee for storing product. It sure would be nice to not have to pay to store extracts.

Thank you for considering my experience. I ask you to please support SB 408.