



March 11, 2021

Rep. Janelle Bynum, Chair House Judiciary Committee
Reps. Ron Noble and Karin Power, Vice-Chairs
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Bynum and the Honorable Members of the House Committee On Judiciary,

My name is Munib Bhandari and I am a co-founder of Grasse, a Processor specializing in organic cannabis extraction. We have been in business for over 2 years and we are family owned and operated business in Clackamas county. I am writing to ask you to support HB 3112. Being one of the few BIPOCC license holders in the Oregon cannabis industry, we realize the need for diversity in the industry in Oregon. Oregon has some of the best cannabis in the world but the lack of diversity is preventing Oregon from competing in a national stage. Diversity from our point of view creates the best products and services and cannabis is no exception. We are proud to represent Oregon Craft and the thousands of businesses it represents and we strongly believe adding new points of view will be a great benefit to our industry.

In addition to better products and serves, we strongly being that HB 3112 will help the communities that more most impacted by the war on drugs. Home and business ownership is one of areas of the bill that we believe will have direct impact to the communities that were impacted. In addition to home and business ownership; the cannabis equity licenses and shared kitchen will solve some fundamental issues in the current infrastructure. When we speak to folks in other states in the industry, some of the best companies from each state are Equity licenses holders with unique points of view that contribute to the success of each state and in Oregon we cannot miss out on this opportunity.

Cannabis has been a positive force of change and we as an industry have helped Oregon through the pandemic and we are asking that cannabis be the equalizer to the very people that have paved the way for our industry. We would like share our companies mantra and something we act on everyday and what we believe this bill will help Oregon become the best equitable craft industry in the country.

Never forget

Weed is not ready to go softly
into the land of quickie marts.
It's not ready to be reduced
to a commodity.

Mother Nature is the world's greatest chemist.

And she has created the most amazing
medicinal plant on the planet.

This is a beautiful plant we worship...

That's been an engine of revolution.

That promises joy & relief to millions.

That so many have had to fight for...

And continue fighting for.

Regards,

Munib Bhandari

Co-Founder

Grasse