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Chair Wilde and members of the Committee,

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Currently, there is one OMMP medical marijuana dispensary in the state.

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A medical marijuana tax exemption at an OLCC Retail Outlet doesn't promote an illicit market. It promotes a legal market where Patients can obtain clean medicine without the worry of harmful additives like pesticides or life-threatening substances in their cannabinoid inhalants.

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Many OMMP dispensaries established before legalization are now operating under the purview of the OLCC.

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Please keep in mind that a lot of OMMP Growers have dropped off the OHA's registry because of the high costs of tracking implemented in 2018 and the requirement for a property owner's signed consent form in 2020. Since that time, a Patient looking to pair with a Grower is near impossible because open slots at a Registered Grow Site Address are very hard to find. For example, I do not have a Grower as an OMMP Patient. I could not find one.

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Please extend the medical marijuana tax exemption for Patient Cardholders indefinitely.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

Sunnie Day Sanchez

OMMP Patient, Benton County