

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, members of the committee,

My name is Michelle Risher, and I am an elected Democratic National Committeewoman and member of the Democratic Party of Oregon. Having been a supporter of M110, I am quite concerned, and frankly disgusted, by the attempts of this committee's leadership to bastardize and coopt it in order to allow "hemp" profiteers and lobbyists to control Oregon's burgeoning marijuana market by enacting SB 1541.

This thinly-veiled legislative gambit would hijack and misappropriate \$120 million from M110 services and give it to the Oregon State Police under the guise of an "emergency" to "law enforcement" related to unlawful marijuana cultivation or distribution operations and with general local law enforcement needs. And to what end? To, as with HB 2016-03, assure the lobbyists of wealthy marijuana growers and so-called entrepreneurs that their retail stranglehold on Oregon's market is ensured via this proposed legislation. I believe you know of whom I speak as campaign finance filings show that many of them have contributed to some of your campaign(s).

SB 1541 is not about illegal cannabis operations, it is about selling out Oregonian's by propping up and increasing the profits of these wannabe "pot barons" by declaring an emergency to prevent and limit potential competition, while misusing, misappropriating, and stealing, in conjunction with HB 2016-03, for purely political and economic purposes having nothing to do with M110.

I am a 68-year-old trans woman with disabilities and I grow my own legal pot at my residence, so I have no need to purchase it. However, I am keenly aware of the intent of SB 1541 and who it truly serves and wonder when the corporate greed of these lobbyists and trade associations will want to find a reason to ban Oregonian's ability to grow their own. That is not in the least hyperbolic given the scope of what you want to do with this bit of unseemly donor-based political incest that is both dishonest and disingenuous. I expect far more of our Democratic legislators.

There is much more that I can and would like to state, but for now I will close with reminding you of your obligations to the people of Oregon that elected you and not to the wealthy donors, lobbyists, and their narcissistic self-interests, and I am asking you to vote "No" on this foul political detritus and overreach.

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