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2022 Oregon Legislature
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Subject: SB 1506

Chair Beyer, Vice-Chair Boquist, Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue:

AOC advocates on matters of importance to Oregon's 36 county governments and I'm writing today in support of Senate Bill 1506.

As members of this committee are aware, passage of Ballot Measure 110 reduced the county portion of marijuana revenues by 73%. Those funds were absolutely necessary to provide for the public health and safety costs surrounding our legal cannabis industry. Additionally, those dollars incentivized county participation in our marijuana economy.

Senate Bill 1506 would allow counties to ask voters if they'd support raising taxes on marijuana items to at least partially offset the losses we've experienced. As a reminder, this bill passed the Senate last year on a bipartisan vote of 23-6.

If local governments don't receive adequate revenues for their participation in our state's legal cannabis industry, I fear that many may begin to opt-out. That would be devastating to the industry and ongoing treatment dollars alike. Please pass this meaningful tool to allow benefits from participation in the marijuana economy to catch up with costs. Thank you for your support of your local county partners.

Respectfully submitted,
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