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My wife and I submitted a producer application on January 2, 2022- the day the moratorium expired. We closely and accurately followed instructions provided in the OARS, the OLCC website and the Portland Office of Community and Civic Life. At no point in the process were we informed of the possibility of a bill that would inactivate our application retroactively. We felt supported and guided by those we interacted with and feel completely at a loss for words to describe the impact this would have on us, and on our family. We have invested all we have and are only asking for a fair chance.

It is obvious this is an attempt for larger business to corner this new market and prevent people like us from entering the industry. We are only asking for what is fair. I can assure you, if we were even slightly informed a bill could be implemented retroactively by lobbyists, we would not have invested everything we have. It is only fair to -at the very least- allow those who submitted applications after the moratorium expired an opportunity to have their application reviewed before the new moratorium begins.

Thank you for your time,
Daniel Hembree