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On Behalf Of:
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As a concerned citizen, I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill 303. While I appreciate and support OHSU's desire to conduct valuable research and commend their efforts towards enhancing the quality of healthcare, I believe that SB 303 is a misguided data collection scheme that only adds financial and operational burdens to Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), and service centers.

Furthermore, the proposed legislation puts Oregonians' data privacy unnecessarily at risk and suppresses equitable access to these valuable therapies. I am particularly concerned about the potential for the misuse of data collected from individuals who have opted to participate in research studies, without their consent or knowledge.

I acknowledge that the OHA's final psilocybin rules, codified as O.R.S. Chapter 475A, already allows for optional participation in data collection from clients for the purposes of research. Therefore, SB 303 and the proposed amendment are unnecessary and only serve to impose additional regulatory burdens on the healthcare industry.

Given the concerns outlined above, I strongly urge you to vote against this bill and instead allow OHSU and the industry to implement a voluntary research model that is sustainable and aligns with the best practices in healthcare research. This approach will ensure that the data collected is used ethically and responsibly, without compromising the privacy and rights of Oregonians.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Health Care Committee and Senators for your service and the opportunity to provide feedback on this bill. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Thank you.