

Dear Senate Committee on Health Care,

My name is Mariah Moncada and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am writing in **strong opposition of Senate Bill 303.**

I am currently enrolled in a psilocybin service facilitator training program and will be certified come June. It is with extreme discomfort that I read through the proposed bill and consider the actions I would have to take as a result of the bill. In my class we have discussed how welcoming people from diverse backgrounds into the psilocybin services will take intentional work as they are underrepresented in the larger community and may not feel innately welcome in that space if there are not also facilitators that reflect their backgrounds.

As facilitators and service centers have to write equity plans that detail how we would be inclusive and serve diverse backgrounds and increase accessibility. I do not believe that I would honestly be able to do so if Senate Bill 303 were passed. The gap to equitable access would widen as people would feel underrepresented and now also threatened. There must be the option to clearly opt out of data sharing to protect the privacy of all entities involved. There could be a client who would stand to benefit from psilocybin sessions to address their anxiety, depression, PTSD, end-of-life stress, and more, who might never venture into a psilocybin service session out of fear of legal repercussions that resulted from data sharing. We owe the citizens who voted for Measure 109 the ability to both facilitate and access these sessions in a way that is free of harm. Please consider the long term implications this bill would pose.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,
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