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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Testimony in Support of Equitable Licensing Fees and Sustainable Funding for the Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) Section of the Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

As a representative of the Oregon-based National Psychedelics Association (NPA), I am writing on behalf of our organization to express our strong support for ensuring equitable licensing fees and sustainable funding for the Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) Section as outlined in POP 449.

The NPA is dedicated to uniting and supporting practitioners of psychedelic-assisted services in Oregon. Later this year, we will begin accepting as members practitioners licensed by the Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS), including service centers, producers, testing and analysis providers, training programs, and facilitators based in our state. We intend to help ensure Oregon's bold and progressive program becomes a resounding success, without losing its focus on equitability.

As constituents and future stakeholders in the development of this new health economy, we appreciate the commitment of the OPS to ensure equitable licensing





fees while maintaining budget sustainability over time. The transition of OPS to Other Funds (OF) funded by licensing fee revenue beginning in the 2023-25 biennium is a crucial step in securing the future of this essential program.

We understand that the OPS is a fee-based section, with current annual licensing fees for facilitators at \$2,000/year (\$1,000/year for low-income applicants and veterans), service centers and manufacturers at \$10,000/year (\$5,000/year for non-profit organizations), and testing lab licensing fees at \$10,000/year. We feel these fees are far too high as is and believe that without General Funds (GF) the OPS will have little chance to strike the right balance between affordability and budget sustainability.

The OPS had requested General Funds (GF) to sustain the first year of the 2023-25 biennium in the amount of \$3,139,672. This request, which was submitted as part of the Agency Request Budget (ARB) and prioritized by the OHA, was not included in the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) as it did not include GF recommendations.

With that in mind, we want to express our support for the OPS and the essential work it does. We believe that securing sustainable funding for the OPS is vital for the continued growth and responsible development of this field. We encourage the legislature to consider allocating the necessary funds to support the OPS during the 2023-25 biennium.

In conclusion, the National Psychedelics Association stands in full support of equitable licensing fees as well as sustainable funding for the Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS). We share and support OPS Section's mission to deliver equitable, affordable, and safe client facing services.





Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We look forward to working with you and the OPS to ensure the continued success of this essential program.

Sincerely,

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