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**OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Testimony in support of HB 3214**

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Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare,

For the record my name is Farrah Chaichi and I'm the State Representative for House District 35 which includes Beaverton and Aloha. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 3214, my office's cannabis in hospice and end of life care bill. I'd also like to thank our persistent advocate, Anthony Taylor, and my chief of staff, Anne Marie Bäckström, for their years of work on this bill.

I will keep my remarks brief as I want you to hear from the subject matter experts in the room, as well as Jim Bartell, who is the father of a young man and father named Ryan from California who passed away after a long-fought battle with cancer and who Ryan's Law is named after in California and hopefully here in Oregon when it passes.

This bill is an important tool to facilitate cannabis use as an alternative or addition to opioid use in end-of-life care. While sometimes necessary, opioids are often overly sedative, preventing quality family interaction in a person's final days. As someone who lost my mother while she was intubated, I know how meaningful it is for patients to be present and in the moment for their last days and weeks with their loved ones. This is a quality of life and quality of care issue. The bill's goal is to ensure patients who desire this important and valid medical treatment have access to it across the board.

I will now let you hear from the experts. Thank you for hearing my testimony and I encourage you to support HB 3214.

Sincerely,



Representative Farrah Chaichi