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On Behalf Of:

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Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Anne Haynes, and I am a community member from Lake Oswego. The views I express here are my own and do not represent an official position of any organization. I am an advocate involved in local prevention coalitions and a member of the Oregon Coalition of Prevention Professionals. I am sharing this testimony in my personal capacity.

I strongly support SB 1548 because it strengthens common-sense safeguards that prioritize youth and community health. As cannabis availability has expanded, it is critical that Oregon ensure policies keep pace with what we know about brain development, prevention science, and the real-world impacts on young people and families. SB 1548 is a responsible step that helps reduce unintended harms, supports informed decision-making, and reinforces that prevention and public health must remain central as Oregon continues to regulate cannabis.

Thank you for considering the public health and prevention implications of SB 1548 and for your attention to the well-being of Oregon's children, youth, and families. Anne Haynes