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To the Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health,

My name is Kristin, and I am a mom to a kindergartener here in Oregon. I am writing in support of SB 1548 because I am deeply concerned about the increasing exposure young children and teens have to high-potency cannabis products—particularly edibles.

As a parent of a small child, I worry about how easily cannabis edibles can be mistaken for candy or baked goods. Single, high-dose gummies are especially risky. Toddlers do not understand serving sizes, and in a moment of curiosity, a child can ingest a dangerous amount. Requiring individually wrapped, single-serving units is a common-sense step that makes accidental poisonings less likely and less severe.

I am also concerned about the impact high-potency THC has on adolescents. We know teens often start experimenting with edibles, and today's products are far more potent than what previous generations encountered. Research increasingly links high-potency THC use in youth to anxiety, depression, psychosis, and increased risk of cannabis use disorder. Slowing consumption and making dosage clearer protects not only young children, but teens and adults as well.

SB 1548 strikes a reasonable balance. It does not prohibit legal cannabis products, but it does prioritize child safety, clearer dosing, and public health—values that matter deeply to families like mine. I appreciate that this bill was proposed with children's well-being at the center, and I respectfully urge the committee to support it.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering the voices of Oregon parents.

Sincerely,
Kristin
Concerned Oregon Parent