April 4, 2013

House Health Care Committee

Oregon State, USA

RE: Passing of Bill HB 2919

Dear Committee Members:

I am an Oregon voter and I am in favor of HB 2919, because it creates a process for research-grade medical marijuana. As a current OMMP participant, I see the need for more access, testing, and organization of the Medical Marijuana Program.

I am an enrolled participant in the m-Research study. I have been in two car accidents and have an atypical tumor on my spine. I suffer from incredible nausea, chronic pain, and insomnia. My daily life is impacted by my pain. I have been prescribed numerous narcotics including Morphine and Perocet. Yet, pharmaceuticals do not work for me because of their side effects and toxicity. I use Medical Marijuana because it gives me a much better quality of life on a day to day basis. It is very important that Medical Marijuana grade be consistent for correct dosage.

Because of the high biovariability in cannabis plants, obtaining research grade cannabis is critical to conducting well-designed clinical trials on the safety and efficacy of marijuana and its cannabinoids and serving the needs of the OMMP participants. I am asking the members of this committee to **please pass this bill for all the Oregonians** that use Medical Marijuana to improve their symptoms and daily lives.

Thank you,

Jeremiah J. Duncan