

**Testimony Supporting HB 2919  
House Health Care Committee**

**April 8, 2012**

Chairman Greenlick, Members of the House Health Care Committee,

Thank you very much for your time and work for Oregon.... and thank you for hearing HB 2919.

As a former California medical patient, I am encouraged by a more intelligent research program here in Oregon. The project initiating HB 2919 proves that Oregonians are committed to well thought out solutions and have the discipline to forego the hype around legalization until marijuana is better understood.

I support HB 2919 and the four year investigatory pilot program leading up to your review today. Marijuana in Oregon should not only focus on determining drug efficacy and safety but also on determining efficacy in comparison with other available treatments.

Several studies also found that the combination of THC and other antiemetics was more effective than either drug alone.

I am personally encouraged by research suggesting cannabinoids may have synergistic effects and may indicate its use as an adjunctive therapy in both antiemetics for nausea and vomiting and opioids for pain relief.

Stepping forward with HB 2919 means needed research to compare cannabinoids' efficacy and safety with current treatments and to examine their potential role in combination therapy for some conditions is important to Oregon, and important to me.

I support HB 2919 because it's well thought out, which is no surprise, because it came from Oregon.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Louge', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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