

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

**April 8, 2012**

Chairman Greenlick and House Health Care Committee Members,

Thank you very much for your time to hear this very important bill.

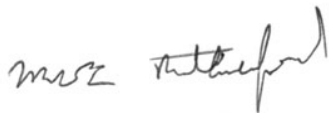
I support HB 2919 because evidence not only supports the use of medical marijuana in certain conditions but also suggests numerous indications for cannabinoids.

HB 2919 opens the door for the research needed to further clarify, classify and communicate the therapeutic value of cannabinoids... and determine optimal routes of administration. The science on medical marijuana should not be obscured or hindered by the debate surrounding the legalization of marijuana for general use. Marijuana has many differing effects and is very complex, I am encouraged that Oregonians are intelligent enough to use HB 2919 to tackle the important issues other states ignore to their detriment.

Also, I would like to see the research conducted here in Oregon that support the claim that marijuana is less harmful to you than alcohol, because both marijuana and alcohol seem to be very profitable industries for Oregon.

Sincerely,

Mark Rutherford

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rutherford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

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