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**Testimony Supporting HB 2919**

House Health Care Committee

Oregon, USA

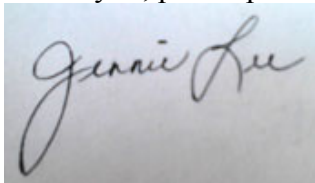
Good Afternoon Members of the Health Care Committee:

My name is Jennie Lee and I thank you for hearing Oregon House Bill 2919. Oregonians need Bill 2919 because it outlines the needs of Patients, but also includes programs for Physicians, Cultivators and Policy.

M-Research has conducted its findings using scientific practices and methodology to collect data on the needs of Oregonians. This last year, I had the opportunity to be a Program Administer for the m-Scale project. I spoke and gathered data from Oregonians enrolled in the OMMP program. My data analysis covered the use of Medical Marijuana in replacing physician prescribed conventional pharmaceuticals. These patients described countless reasons for choosing Marijuana over prescription drugs. Many reported the high cost of conventional medications. Other downfalls cited included the pharmaceutical induced side effects so debilitating, people used Medical Marijuana as a replacement to manage their pain, limit drug toxicity, and increase their ability to function cognitively as well as physically on a daily basis. Most of these people were able to replace and reduce many of their prescribed drugs simply by ingesting, inhaling, or applying Medical Marijuana topically. The quality of life was reported higher after their use of Medical Marijuana. Current research shows the cannabinoids in Marijuana facilitate reduction and relief from chronic pain from cancer, inflammation, Crohn's disease, infection, nerve damage, diabetes, neuropathy, lupus, and AIDS, to name a few. I had firsthand reports from these Oregonians on how much their lives improved using Medical Marijuana. My own experience from making salves and medicinals using marijuana has more than convinced me of its therapeutic usefulness and significant value as a job creating industry.

Because of its medicinal qualities many states have Medical Marijuana programs. Yet none of these programs address marijuana from a scientific and technological aspect, nor do they lay out a comprehensive plan. Oregon House Bill 2919 helps Oregon be at the fore front, leading the way in the use of Marijuana as a technology, creating a more regulated & professionalized Oregon Medical Marijuana Program.

Thank you, please pass HB 2919.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennie Lee". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Jennie Lee