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HB 3460

Honorable Floyd Prozanski  
State Senator  
900 Court Street NE, S-415  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Honorable Peter Buckley  
State Representative  
900 Court Street NE, H-272  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**Re: Letter in support of HB 3460**

Dear Senator Prozanski and Representative Buckley:


As you know, under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act ("OMMA"), physicians are legally able to recommend medical marijuana to treat their patients. Under current law, because the OMMA does not address medical marijuana facilities, there is no clear way for registered card holders to safely or legally have access to medical marijuana without either growing it themselves or finding someone else to grow it for them.

Over the past several years approximately 150 medical marijuana facilities have opened and continue to operate in Oregon without regulation or licensure. These facilities operate in a climate of uncertain legality, and the absence of a clear regulatory structure makes ensuring compliance with the law difficult. HB 3460 tackles this problem by putting in place a regulatory framework for marijuana facilities, giving the Oregon Health Authority ("OHA") oversight and control over their lawful operation, and thereby ensuring that all persons with a valid Oregon Medical Marijuana Program card will be able to obtain medical marijuana safely, predictably, promptly, and legally.

Under HB 3460, the OHA would establish a medical marijuana facility registration system requiring each facility to submit an application to the OHA demonstrating that the facility meets specific standards of operation. HB 3460 also contains safeguards that will help to ensure marijuana grown legally under the OMMA ends up safely in the hands of registered medical marijuana card holders. The bill provides ample authority for the OHA to draft rules and set fees to successfully implement the law.

I urge you to support HB 3460.

Sincerely,

  
ELLEN F. ROSENBLUM  
Attorney General

From the Desk of  
Rep. Buckley 