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Concerning Senate Bill 1531

To: The Senate Committee on Judiciary

Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Close and Honorable Committee Members,

At its February 4, 2014 Public Meeting, the Boring Community Planning Organization was approached concerning a Cannabis Club (Wellness Clinic) that was sited in the Boring area and has been open for business since November, 2013.

The greatest majority of Boring residents were not aware that this Wellness Clinic was a Medical Marijuana Dispensary.

The following questions were posed:

- 1) Why is there a Marijuana Club next to a family restaurant?
- 2) Why is there a Marijuana Club within 1000 feet of an LDS Church that has Boy Scout, Girl Scout and other such Youth Ministries?
- 3) Why was there not notice of such a facility being sited here?
- 4) Why was there not a hearing so the community could voice their concerns or support of this establishment?

Our research found that the State of Oregon is responsible for the licensing of such facilities with no regard to the local community or neighbors of these facilities.

Therefore, the Boring Community Planning Organization voted unanimously to support SB1531 to ensure local control by a City or a County for the regulation and selective location of Medical Marijuana Distribution Facilities.

While the Boring Community Planning Organization publicly stated its neutrality concerning the issue of Medical Marijuana;

The Boring Community Planning Organization is on record supporting Senate Bill 1531 for the following reasons:

*Boring is an unincorporated community within Clackamas County.
As an area under the jurisdiction of Clackamas County,*

It is hereby stated that local jurisdictions, such as Clackamas County, should have the ability to regulate or restrict operation of medical marijuana facility, prohibit registration of medical marijuana facility, or regulate, restrict or prohibit storing or dispensing of marijuana by facility legally authorized to store or dispense marijuana.

Senate Bill 1531 will give the governing body of a city or a county, such as Clackamas County these abilities.

Senate Bill 1531 will give local control to cities and counties, allowing those jurisdictions the ability to regulate the location of medical marijuana facilities.

For these reasons and understandings, the Boring Community Planning Organization supports Senate Bill 1531.

On behalf of the people of Boring and other communities like it around the State of Oregon, I respectfully request that this Committee move this Bill to the Senate floor with a Do Pass recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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