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Joint Committee on M91
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Attn. Adam Crawford

To Co-Chairs and Committee members,

My name is James Bowman . I am the owner and General Manager of Forest Creek Farms . Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB479 and SB480.

I apologize that I am unable to testify to your esteemed committee in person. This hearing is the most important one you have presided over so far. I wish I could have made the long journey to Salem today but would welcome another opportunity .

From my view as a 30 year fortunate resident of the great state of Oregon an OMMP patient and a longtime preferred provider of medical cannabis in the state , I believe these 2 bills can be the foundation to build the regulatory structure that will allow Oregon to become a world leader in Cannabis research, technology and products.

The Cannabis Issue is complex and there needs to be sound policy based on reality and truth. The future Cannabis Economy is worth Billions to the State of Oregon. Senator Edwards is visionary to see the need for an expert panel consisting of the smartest people the governor can find to steer the Cannabis Industry using all knowledge available to them. As you members can testify creating a brand new regulatory and tax system is a daunting task. As an expert on this plant and providing for the many needs of OMMP patients I would rather have the oversight directed by an intelligent panel void of the self interest , bias and prejudice that the lawyers, politicians, activists, producers, retailers, police agencies, laboratories and others who have testified to your committee.

If we could take the best parts of the OMMA and blend them with the voters intent in passing M91 it would look like a research centered program that supports both the social and medical demands lead by a commission of the smartest people in Oregon. With a regulatory and tax system that doesn't stifle and suffocate an industry in its infancy the rest of the country and the world could again follow Oregon's leadership and it all happened because your Committee had the wisdom and insight to recognize that we need an approach based on science and truth not myth and special interests. Please support these 2 Senate Bills presented by Senator Edwards and consider them as a new direction and focus of your mission.

Thank you for this opportunity.

James Bowman

Forest Creek Farms