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Co-Chairs Lininger and Burdick, Members of the Committee,

My name name is Kat Iverson. I live in Hillsboro, Oregon, and I have some strong objections to parts of SB 844. I may have misinterpreted some of it. It is a lot of pages to read in a short time, but here are some of my thoughts what I think the bill says.

Section 5 says that medical growers must have lived in Oregon for at least four years. Does that include a patient who is growing his own medicine? Is a new resident who becomes a patient required to find someone else to grow for him for the first four years? His medicine couldn't be grown by himself or his spouse? This would be a bad restriction.

Section 6 requires an onerous amount of record keeping. Does anyone at the Oregon Health Authority really want to read thousands of garden reports each month? Once the reports are submitted, why should the grower keep the records for seven years? Let the OHA keep the records for seven years.

Section 7 is very confusing about the number of plants allowed. It depends sometimes on the address of the grower and sometimes on the address of the garden. Is that deliberate, or a mistaken assumption that the two addresses are the same. They would not have to be. A grower could maintain a garden at some site other than his own address. It could be at some site he rents for the purpose, or it could be at the home of a patient who has garden space, but not the ability to do the gardening himself.

By section 14 it appears that the processing site restrictions do not apply to patients or their caregivers, but only as long as the product is consumed strictly by the patient. Apparently a patient couldn't give a single cannabinated cookie to anyone, even a fellow patient without having had the batch of cookies inspected and certified. That is going too far. I can give coffee to a friend without undergoing the same requirements as Starbucks. I can give my friends my excess tomatoes without having them inspected and certified. I see no reason to treat home-grown marijuana and its products any differently than any other, ordinary homemade consumable.

I also object to any restrictions on home-grow locations. Any patient, designated grower, or "recreational" grower ought to be allowed to grow at home regardless of where he lives—in a residential zone or near a school.

I understand the need to regulate business-scale growing and processing operations, but don't impose the same restrictions, fees, and record keeping on home operations.