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Cc: Sen Beyer; Sen Burdick; Sen Kruse; Sen Prozanski; Rep Buckley; Rep Helm; Rep Olson; Sen Ferrioli; Rep Lininger; Rep Wilson; Sen Gelser;

Subject: In Opposition of SB844 Dash 6 Amendments

To the honorable Chairs Sen. Burdick and Rep. Leninger, Vice Chairs Sens. Ferrioli, Prozanski and Rep Wilson, member Sens. Beyer and Kruse, and Member Reps. Buckley, Helm and Olson.

Transmission by proxy on behalf of Mr. Andy Baugh of Corvallis. Thank you.

Greetings,

Please vote no on SB44 Dash 6 amendments.

I'd like to show my support for medical marijuana. I was the senior swing shift Cat Scan (CT / Computed Tomography) technician at Good Samaritan Medical center for a decade in Corvallis. A large portion of our patients had been diagnosed with different cancers, at different stages of development. Every morning (and sometimes any time of day), we'd do biopsies of these brave souls! I repeatedly found one of the most common stories was how medical marijuana (legal, or illegal), had mad a huge difference in not only the quality of their lives, but in the healing process.

So often these folks become emaciated due to the horrific nature of the disease, let alone Chemo and Radiation treatments, and "pot" was one of the only things that soothed their pains, controlled their nausea, and made their very painful lives more bearable. To deprive these brave, fighting to survive souls easy access of this "weed", is unconscionable! It grows wild, and has proven benefits.

To make these people work harder and pay more for something that's been proven to work is not only inhumane and unethical, but points to our failed system of checks and balances.

We've long known that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", well, let's grown some "pounds" for our friends with cancer, and help them as best we can on their torturous, yet hopeful path to survival.

I don't understand how this can even be an issue. Do what you folks do best, tax it, regulate it, and make money off of it... maybe someday you'll find a place in your heart to actually HELP these people, I certainly have done all I could, shouldn't you be doing the same!!??

Respectfully submitted

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