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To: Crawford Adam

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

Subject: Letter as Testimony on behalf of SB844-6

Dear Adam,

I would like to present this letter as testimony on behalf of SB844-6.

Rocky and Jean Roberts

Dear Measure 91 Joint Committee,

Regarding: SB844-6

Our names are Jean and Rocky Roberts. We live east of Sandy on Highway 26, near the Candy Farm which has been a historical memorable place to visit for thousands of people.

As you work through the process of allowing the use of a federally illegal drug, consider what your responsibility as responsible elected officials require. Are you influenced by the all-mighty dollar bill or will you consider each bill you pass by living by it yourself?

Are you willing to allow a once successful - well liked - well known candy company to be turned into nothing more than a drug manufacture - processor -and distributor? Did you take your grandchildren to see the wholesome process of how candy is made, buy it on site, enjoy it as a treat or gift at Christmas? I did!! Now I observe a once unique Oregon icon and see the electronic security entrance gate, I see the security cameras and lites, I see the high security fences and think . . .I once walked through my neighbors pasture to experience this once well know Oregon icon call the Oregon Candy Farm. And now I am ashamed and saddened to have to live by it. Are you . .willing to allow this type of activity in your back yard? Are you going to boast to your children and grandchildren "I helped do that". Are you going to live in the middle of its ill effects?

I have experienced the effects of this "harmless" drug called marijuana. While driving influenced by this drug, I took out the power pole for the hospital putting them into emergency response, I wrecked my new car. This affected my family, life, and job and not in a good way. I am not proud of that choice I made.

- I have watched a family being torn apart by the effects of this "harmless" drug. I have watched a mother lose her children when they were young, watched her move into meth and lose her ability to live the "American dream". I am not proud of the choice that family made - and is still living with today- they are a part of my family.

- If I ever chose to move, and sell my property, what family will want to enjoy the "country life style" living next to a "drug house"?

- How will the decisions you are making effect the value of my property?

- How will I experience the American Dream? Will you compensate me for that, or will you look me in the eye and boost that you drove down the value of my life.

- If you absolutely have to have this bad drug - regulate it as such.

- If it is a medicine, require it to be regulated as such. Grow it in one remote spot - distribute it as any other harmful drug.

• Don't over supply this state and ship out the excess for the all mighty dollar. Oh wait - isn't that what the drug lords of Mexico are doing to the United States now?? How proud you must be to allow this to happen.

I hear the majority passed this bad idea, but honestly how does a 51.9% majority of 22% participation vote represent a true majority?

Would you be willing to educate the whole population of Oregon with the true effects of this industry and vote again? Unfortunately I think not. After all it's the all mighty dollar your after. What other positive aspects of living in Oregon are you willing to sell out for. I constantly hear it's no worse than alcohol, but we've been dealing with alcohols effects since the 1930's and still haven't perfected its cause and effect. Why just add another negative to our Oregon life.

Be a positive legislator, don't be swayed by the dirty drug dollars. We could be proud Oregonians and promote the positive and productive gifts this state has and is capable of.

If downtown Portlanders want this, let them grow it and put up with the smell and negative effects.

Leave my Oregon alone.

For myself, Jean, my daughter is the person we talked about. She lost her family, and for 3 years I did not know if she was alive or dead. I would hear that a body was found and I would hold my breath until we found out if it was a male or female. If it was a female, I would be a nervous wreck til they gave more description or have a name. She finally got put in jail and decided to clean up. That was a very long, hard process. It's one she has to fight everyday of her life, and I worry about her every day.

• We are in support of SB844-6 in terms of beginning to regulate Oregon's Medical Marijuana Program, by limiting the number of marijuana plants that can be grown in residential communities that are located in both cities and rural county areas.

• We are in support of requiring licensing, inspections, testing, and overall accountability. The most recent tragic in the head shootings of three people who were in charge of a medical marijuana site in Portland Oregon, who had according to law enforcement had 2 prior robberies, should be enough to get your attention.

We must remind our legislators however, that Marijuana is still a federally illegal drug. The legislature should never see themselves with the type of authority that requires all cities and counties in a home rule state to violate federal law, that would rather be called a dictator, and you were elected to respect all votes in your jurisdictions, not just the 22% turn out majority vote.

The legislature should always make our Public Safety, Quality of Life and protection of Property Values as your first priority.

Thank you.

Jean & Rocky Roberts