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**To:** Sen Burdick; Rep Lininger; Sen Kruse

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**Subject:** Measure 91 Testimony for May 26 2015

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Co-Chairs, Vice Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

My name is Jeremy Williams and I live in Senator Kruse's own district within Douglas County. I was born in Oregon and she is my home. I previously submitted testimony to the Joint Committee on Implementing Measure 91 regarding HB 3400 on March 30, 2015 when it was concerning the OMMA, but I see that the proposed bill has since been altered.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your diligence in putting together a bill that I know you and many others believe works best for most Oregonians. I only have a few things to contribute at this time from a single patient's perspective.

**To the local option:**

A majority of my county commissioners have already voiced their opinions for the record concerning medical marijuana dispensaries. They have stated that if left up to them, they [dispensaries] would not be located anywhere in the county. I can only assume these opinions have not changed in the last month and ask the State of Oregon to ensure my commissioners are not successful with imposing their own prejudices upon us. Some options have been discussed, such as allowing patients to gather "only 4%" of the signatures. If I, as a disabled patient, have to gather any signatures just to gain access to something that is proven to help me then you can bet I will be gathering signatures for a recall petition as well.

While "keeping the integrity of the OMMA" is honorable rhetoric, I believe one can keep the integrity of any program on one hand while drastically changing it on another. Does keeping the integrity mean forcing patients to relocate near an operating dispensary? Does keeping the integrity of the program mean sick and disabled patients must "hit the streets" in order to once again gain relief-either by purchasing from outside the OLCC market or by gathering signatures to petition for its availability? I can understand and certainly appreciate the individual perspectives and backgrounds relied upon while forming an industry, but please do not take from those who need it most. Do not allow the local authorities to ban dispensaries!

**To an Independent agency:**

I read a submitted testimony by Green Business Law, LLC making recommendations regarding a state agency tasked with oversight of the responsible adult cannabis use. I will watch this part of the discussion with great anticipation as the idea seems to be one that could work effectively. My patient data is something I have fought to protect at my

CCO and Physician's office, and it is something I would like to continue to safeguard as more non-medical personnel gain increasingly greater access to my medical records. Establishing an Oregon Cannabis Control Commission or similar agency could potentially safeguard the unnecessary spread of my personal information.

Thank you,  
Jeremy Williams

cc: Adam Crawford  
Representative Heard  
Douglas County Commissioners