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TO: The Honorable Rep. Lininger, Co-Chair,
The Honorable Sen. Burdick, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization

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SUBJECT: SB 1511

Co-Chair Lininger and Co-Chair Burdick and members of the committee; I am André Ourso, Manager of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. I wanted to provide you with some brief information on SB 1511 and how it relates to the OMMP and Oregon Health Authority.

First, I would like to provide data related to a request by Co-Chair Burdick and Co-Vice Chair Ferrioli regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and their intention to switch over to adult use and OLCC licensure.

We surveyed our dispensaries and received responses from 146 dispensaries to date (36% response rate).

- 92% of dispensaries who responded are participating in early retail sales.
- When asked if dispensaries would switch over from medical to retail sales, dispensaries indicated:
 - 80% said they would definitely or probably move from medical to retail.
 - 15% said they would probably stay medical only.
 - 5% said they would definitely stay medical only.
- When asked if co-location was an option, and if they would participate in both medical and retail sales:
 - Almost 98% said they would definitely or probably participate in both medical and retail co-location.

- Only 2% (n=3 dispensaries who responded) said they would not participate in co-location (probably or definitely).

As far as specific provisions in this bill and its amendments, I would be happy to answer questions on the potential impact to patients, OMMP and OHA.

Co-Chairs, members of the committee I thank you for the opportunity to testify.