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TO: Senator Ginny Burdick, Co-Chair
Representative Ann Lininger, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization

FROM: Deborah Rumsey, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: SB 1511, -5 amendments, marijuana edibles serving size

The Children's Health Alliance (CHA) would like to encourage the committee to adopt language that will help protect children from accidental ingestion of marijuana-infused edible products. Therefore, we oppose the adoption of the -5 amendments to SB 1511, which would set the minimum marijuana edible serving size at 10 mg of THC and would allow 10 servings per package. A dose of 100 mg could be toxic for a young child.

CHA is an association of more than 100 primary care pediatricians and nurse practitioners across five counties in the Portland and Salem Metropolitan areas. They provide care for approximately 140,000 children in the state. The Alliance was established in 1998 to promote a culture of improvement among member practices with the mission to enhance quality of care for all children.

Considering recent experiences in Colorado and Washington, we feel that childproof packaging of marijuana edibles is needed to protect children of all ages. CHA recommends the adoption of language similar to that used in the State of Washington regarding marijuana-infused edible products. **If there is more than one serving in a package, each serving must be packed individually in childproof packaging.** Furthermore, we recommend a maximum unit dose or serving size of 5 mg with a maximum of 50 mg per package. Packaging should meet federal standards for childproofing.

We know children are attracted to candies, chocolates and other sweet treats that may contain recreational marijuana. That is why it is so important to ensure that they can't gain easy or accidental access to marijuana in their homes. Safe packaging and limiting serving sizes are just two components to keeping marijuana edibles out of the hands of children. We also need to develop an educational campaign that utilizes best practices from other states to help limit the exposure of marijuana to children.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this statement for the record.