

TO: Oregon Legislative Joint Legal Marijuana Committee.

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Subject: SB 1511: Medical "Grade" Marijuana, for Medical cardholders

Dear Committee members,

In the operational context of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, "Medical Grade" may mean something quite different than what was intended.

Typically, Medical **Grade** is associated with aspects of high purity, for health reasons, such as medical grade products: oxygen, butane, and other supplies, equipment, etc.

The intent of the higher concentration may be, at the least, confusing to patients, caregivers, providers, etc., unless the word "strength," or something similar is substituted for "grade," to have a more effective and intended meaning for Medical use.

Thank you for the time today to listen to an advocate supporting the safety and health of vulnerable Oregonians.