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Nothing in the Cole memorandum, nor the Ogden memorandum before it, prescribes the kind of war on Medical Marijuana that you are declaring here. You're actions, for what ever reason, and we think we know what's behind them - will jeopardize the lawful prescription of a non-lethal, non-addictive medication - a medication that has been lawfully possessed and exchanged in this state for almost two decades. I'm here speak as an advocate for several thousand veterans, who, like me, have been prescribed the lawful and therapeutic possession and intake of cannabis for the relief of many, and various ailments. What you are doing with these rules, zoning, cameras, fences, setbacks, water rights, seed to sale - has only one goal: the elimination of a lawful Medical Program. What you ignore, is that while many ~~thousands~~ of patients receive a reduction in rate for their Medical cards, your rules state that Veterans must have a 100% disability rating before they "qualify" for a discount. 21 Veterans commit suicide rather than face the daily demons in their lives. What you ignore - is that your discount for Veterans who are 100% disabled, is useless! Because, by VA definition, a Vet who is declared 100% disabled by the VA would ^{NOT} possess the physical capability to ~~even~~ shoot himself! You see what I'm saying? People are still committing suicide at disability ratings well, WELL, below the 100% level that you have determined is right for special treatment. Veterans rely on cannabis for symptom relief that is not even addressed in this process. What IS being addressed is their access to the very medication, which will and has, kept them alive.

This is not about smell, or water, or morality or even "leakage of product outside Oregon! It's not about "Cole" or Ogden memo's, this is about economics. You wish to drive medically prescribed patients into your ^{tax world} realm of taxation. /// You are answering to the lobbyists in the North - Portland and Eugene, who lack the sunshine to grow quality medicine but yet they have the votes and Lobbyists in Salem to crush the farmers to the south. And

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unfairly, and improperly ascribe the leakage of cannabis to other states onto us, when we have been supplying the needs of both medical and recreational since Oct. 1 of last year) why blame us?/// You will be taking away from Veterans the very medicine they rely on for their daily lives. Now, you may get away with that on a few. But we are the many. We are just shy of 30,000 veterans and we all got issues.

Again, nothing in Cole, is meant to separate me from my doctor. My VA doctor, 20 years ago, If you had told me, that I would exit a combined flying career in the Navy and Coast Guard with a medical record that was thicker than my logbook, I would have ~~said~~ *had* some unkind words to share about your ancestry or your mother, but that's the way it is - for me and many like me. So reviewing my Medical Record, I can tell you this much: that it is my VA doctor who has said the following.... (Read from transcript)

See, that's just it. We the patients of the State of Oregon, have been playing by the rules. YOUR rules, for almost 2 decades. And we're here to tell you, we're not changing the rules. You are. And we're not gonna play *that* game.

Here's the take-away - the Cole memorandum, having been satisfied, - the senior position is no longer the Substance Control Act! We've been legal and NOT afoul of Federal Law for 19 years! The SENIOR position is the will of the people. The PEOPLE, OF OREGON! AS EXPRESSED MOST recently, in Measure 91. And the will is clearly stated: "Thou Shalt Not Change!" And, AND, that's exactly what you're doing. You're hoping to bully Southern Oregon patients and providers and Veterans into your tax plan, eliminating the supply of medicine from plant to people. And that's not acceptable behavior. We are therefore, dis-inclined to acquiesce to your request. Means NO!