

To the Joint Committee, I want to start by saying it is a good thing I did not waste another day traveling to Salem to be ignored once again. How do you pass a bill taking away the legal protection of growing cannabis as an agricultural crop and also violate the right to farm protections and never let the people speak.

You know this has once again caused violations of our rights as patients and Oregonians. Gov Kitzhaber started down this destructive road by the Moratorium bill and you have now given our rights away to County Commissioners and City Councils that have rarely ever represented the people of their communities. They have gone un noticed for years. Most have been unchallenged for their positions because they focused on keeping the rotary and chamber members happy with luncheons and conferences, This has shined a light on the abuse of power that has been going on all across this state. Many representatives will be out of a job come November with any luck.

I can honestly say there has been a bright light upon your committee and many of these members, who treated the public with arrogance, disrespecting the patients, veterans, parents of sick children and elders. Cutting them off at 3 min while taking away the right to be free to pursue the protections and rights as a medical patient.

Instead you took the patient and sold them all out to a government agency that lacks integrity or even a medical understanding of cannabis.

You have done nothing to protect patients from discrimination and as for my dispensary. You have done nothing to support the safe access we all stepped up to provide. Yesterday I went to a local Oregon Coast Bank in Toledo OR. I needed one dollar bills. The checker told me she was required to ask where these one dollar bills are going. I told her TRUTH. I needed change for the dispensary. I was refused due to banking issues. What a crock of crap. I have been taken off of my husbands loan because I am a liability as a dispensary owner yet you support outside money and interests. Thanks for nothing.

I want to thank Sen. Prozanski and I believe Rep. Buckley for trying to bring some honest consideration of patients. The rest including Rep. Laninger and Sen. Burdick, I can only pray you are out of a job. You should open your doors to more than special interests, listen to the veterans, the sick, the constituents you were suppose to represent.

Give us a chance to discover the truth of this plant without government corruption. Put you head back into the sand and pretend we mean nothing to you as you have done for almost 20 years. You are creating more problems than we deserve to deal with. Someday our stories will be known and history will not be kind to those who hurt the most vulnerable in society for profit.

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Keeping our community under a toxic cloud. But you care about the smell of Cannabis. Give me a break!