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DATE: March 10, 2017  
TO: House Committee on Health Care  
RE: HB 2128, relating to pseudoephedrine

Chair Greenlick and Members of the Committee:

Lane County is opposed to House Bill 2128 as written. Limiting access to pseudoephedrine is an established Oregon policy that has proved to be an effective tool for both law enforcement and human services broadly. As a key ingredient in the illegal manufacturing of methamphetamine there is no rationale that I can point to which would demand a change in the existing policy. Nor am I aware of a call from health professionals to make this drug more accessible to those with a bonafide medical need for it.

I have absolutely no desire to witness a return to the public safety crisis which existed in Oregon in the late 1990's and early 2000's which resulted almost wholly from the plethora of mobile methamphetamine labs. Lane County, with its abundance of rural land and easy access to Interstate 5, was ground zero for what was literally a war. The collateral damage from that war was a burden for every public agency and service delivery professional. We dealt with addiction, murder, property crime, broken families, environmental hazards, and this list only touches on the scourge that was methamphetamine in Oregon.

HB 2128 is bad policy and I ask that you not consider this measure past the public hearing.

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY