



**To:** Joint Committee on Marijuana Regulation

**From:** Kevin Campbell  
Oregon Association Chiefs of Police &  
Oregon State Sheriffs' Association

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**Re:** Support for amending SB 1057 to require use of the  
CTS by registered medical marijuana growers

Co-Chairs Burdick and Lininger, and Members of the Committee,

As you know, the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association remain committed to serve as a resource to you and the committee as you continue your efforts to regulate retail and medical marijuana in Oregon. The purpose of this brief written testimony is to urge you to pass legislation that provides accountability within the medical marijuana production system in Oregon. A key component of that accountability can be accomplished by requiring registered medical marijuana growers to participate in the Cannabis Tracking System (CTS) currently used by the retail marijuana production system in Oregon.

Marijuana remains a federally prohibited controlled substance. Oregon, and other states that have legalized recreational or medical marijuana have been operating under the policy of the Obama Administration to not prosecute persons for violating federal marijuana law, so long as they comply with their own state's law, and insure that eight other federal priorities are not compromised as outlined in the [Cole Memo](#).

One of the key requirements of the Cole Memo is the prevention of diversion of marijuana to other states. It is [no secret](#), and no secret to Oregon law enforcement, that the medical marijuana production system in Oregon [diverts](#) what can only be described as massive quantities of marijuana into the interstate black market, with virtually no accountability.

We believe it is vital that the Oregon Legislature address this problem in 2017. The alternative is the continuation of the current reality, which not only frustrates law enforcement, but poses enormous risks to the entire legalized and regulated marijuana industry in Oregon. While the Trump Administration policy towards marijuana continues to evolve, we anticipate that the federal approach will likely involve increased scrutiny of state marijuana laws.