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**To:** JMR Exhibits  
**Subject:** Opposition to some SB 1057 Dash 23 Amendments

Madame co-chairs and members of the committee,

Thank you for continuing your work to implement a marijuana system that works for all Oregonians. Since the passage of Measure 91, Oregon has created thousands of new jobs, generated millions in new revenue and stopped wasting resources on unnecessary arrests. Of course much work remains, and while Senate Bill 1057 has good features, I write today to oppose some provisions that, while well-intentioned, will push marijuana onto the illegal market and hurt the sickest and poorest patients.

The limit of 6 plants per household unless designating a grower and limiting the number of immature plants will undoubtedly hinder patients ability to acquire the medicine they need and force many patients into the illegal market. Too many patients are unable to afford dispensary and retail store prices and rely upon their own gardens or compassionate growers providing for them. Instituting more fees, regulations and hurdles to 12 plant gardens will eliminate many growers from cultivating legally. An older husband and wife, especially those with limited means and without computer skills, could be forced to go without an adequate supply of medicine or operate illegally if they cannot afford or comply with new restrictions regulations imposed upon them. I urge you to allow 12 plant gardens, especially where both patients reside together at the grow site, to remain free of costly regulations.

Additionally, the decrease in immature plants will hurt patients ability to discover new strains that work best for their conditions, including those of the low-THC, high CBD variety. To adequately allow patients to discover cannabis strains that work best for them, allowing small growers to cultivate 36 to 48 immature plants is more appropriate.

Finally, while the notion that medical growers must provide 75% of their harvest to patients for no consideration is a lofty goal, the practical effect will likely be to end many growers' relationship with their patients, hurting patients and sending more marijuana into the illegal market. A more reasonable amount would be requiring 33% to 50% provided without consideration, but explicitly allowing reimbursement for costs. This will provide the proper balance of giving growers a reason to continue cultivating for patients with patients' needs.

Thank you again for your work in helping implement a cannabis system that works well for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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