

May 8, 2017

Co-chairs Ginny Burdick and Lininger, members of the Committee

I am writing in support of HB 2198 and granting access to the recreational market for OMMP growers.

As an owner of an OLCC wholesale license I was surprised to hear the co-chairs support this effort. Allowing this access will bring more cannabis into the regulated system and out of the unregulated markets and make it available for patients again.

Having access to medical grower products again will provide greater access to quality products for patients and bringing these specialty products through the wholesalers and processors provides an opportunity for their product to enter the market in a way that will allow the market to absorb it in a much more managed way. It also relieves the retail store owners from the headaches of dealing with growers in the stores.

As an OLCC wholesaler we have seen a noticeable decline in the type and quality of products medical growers were bringing to the market and the higher prices being paid by patients. Having even limited access to medical product from OMMP growers will be a welcome return for patients.

We urge the committee to support and pass HB 2198.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah A. Bennett".

Sarah Bennett, Owner

The Sweet Life

An OLCC licensed wholesaler.