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Madam Chairs and Members of the committee,

I support SB 307 because it is time we allow Oregonians to use cannabis in places other than their own home. Travelers have a quandary, they are forced to either break the law or risk a fine for using cannabis in their rental property or hotel room. Renters who are medical marijuana patients are too often not able to use their medicine in their own home and are faced with the same impossible decision as travelers. I agree with Clifford Robinson who points out that enforcement of laws against use in public disproportionately affects minorities.

I support the early version of SB 307 that amended the Clean Air Act to allow indoor cannabis use. I visited Amsterdam last month and found that “coffeeshops” that allow indoor cannabis use do not consider that “smoking.” The Spirit Coffeeshop told me that there is no smoking in the front part of the building. I asked why there were ash trays in the front part and they said it was for cannabis smoking only, aka “pure” cannabis smoking. Many Europeans mix tobacco and cannabis and there is a special indoor smoking section in the back for this type of smoking.

In Amsterdam, there were many Americans enjoying the coffeeshops which lends to the argument that Oregon has been missing the opportunity to attract tourists who use cannabis. Shopping for cannabis is only half of the freedom cannabis lovers demand. They also want to be able to use the cannabis they purchase. California and the city of Denver are likely to dominate the cannabis tourism industry because they will allow lounges with indoor use.

While I preferred the original version of SB 307, we have to start somewhere. The current version of SB 307

will suffice if that is all the legislature will permit. It will get us closer to the freedom cannabis users know we deserve.

Sincerely,

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