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Oregon Marijuana Safety Standards Association

**TO: The Honorable Ginny Burdick, Co-Chair
The Honorable Ann Lininger, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Marijuana Regulation**

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Subject: SB 307, Exemptions to the Indoor Clean Air Act for Cannabis Lounges

Co-Chairs Burdick and Lininger and members of the committee, my name is Jessi Preston and I am writing in opposition to SB307. OMSSA is concerned with the safety issues that could come up in rushing to have cannabis lounges.

The main concern OMSSA has is the risk of second hand smoke or vapor coming from customer use and directly affecting the health of the worker. In a bar environment a bar tender or liquor server is not permitted to consume alcohol; and there is no risk of second hand exposure to alcohol as there is to smoke or vapor. A person working at a cannabis lounge would not have that advantage. A worker in a cannabis lounge would be subject to second hand smoke and vapor for long periods of time.

There should be extensive research done, to determine how a cannabis lounge would need to be set up in order to insure worker safety.

Oregon's law makers need to make sure they are putting the health and safety of Oregon residents before the pocket books of a few hundred entrepreneurs who stand to get rich. These would likely be minimum wage jobs and would put people in one of our lowest socio-economic status at risk.

OMSSA understands that there are many Oregon residents that do not have a safe legal place to consume what is now a legal substance in Oregon. This does need to be remedied just not in a way that puts workers and non-users at risk of exposure.



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