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To: Honorable Co-chairs Burdick and Lininger, Members of the committee.

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The -17 amendment.

The -17 removes compensation for Commission Members. We urge the committee to restore this.

The -17 seems to recognize the need for both patients living in their own home to be able to grow their own medicine and not be forced into sharing one person's medicine to meet the needs of both patient's. We foresee the proposed language eliminating the right of anyone from growing their Measure 91 plants as problematic and we urge the committee to adopt the 12 plant household limit independent of the adult use allowance.

The new language allowing OLLC to regulate adult use transfers by OMMP growers causes us some concern. We wonder just how the OLCC will determine supply has actually exceeded demand beyond market correction and how they would respond and what steps they may actually take to adjust the amount of product coming in from OMMP growers.

Immature plants are still an issue and the -17's address this to a certain extent but does not adequately address the need for any limit at all given everything is now being tracked in METRC. We do not support limiting immature plants. We believe we should rely on METRC and urge the Committee to drop immature plant limits altogether.

The -20 amendment.

The OHA just last week issued Bulletin 2017-04 changing policy on what is acceptable as an address when designating a grow site address on a patients application. They will no longer allow such things as GPS or tax lot ID #'s as a viable address when designating a grow site and will be checking to ensure it is verifiable.

This change is effective immediately and will negatively impact patients who will no longer able to designate a grower if the grow site address is not verifiable. In the end the grower would no longer be allowed to grow even their own medical cannabis plants.

We ask for support of the -20's to fix this. The OMMP registers nearly 175 patients per day in Oregon and some of them will be told they can no longer designate their grower because their grow site address is not verifiable. This will mean the application is incomplete and a patient will not be issued a card until the information is corrected or no grower is designated.

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