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Co-Chairs Burdick and Lininger and of the Committee

For the record, my name is Cindy Etzel, testifying on HB2198, the Grandfather co-op farms, other OMMP only patient/growers.

My concerns are that the 10-20% of the compassion farms are will not be addressed, with the Cannabis board. Is there going to be someone to speak for Us? We need to be considered also. With someone who has OUR hearts, concerns and interest in this changing forum. Please consider Peter Gendron.

-9 Metric to a farm not providing into the OLCC system is unacceptable, costly scale for single annual grow, this seems unfair to those on fixed incomes, and who will that cost be put on? The mindset is wrong for those not providing into the OLCC. I can't afford this and neither can many others.

-13 Transferring Medical Cannabis for those who choose to participate, should have the right to provide to Medical dispensary and know it is going to the patients.

-17 Cannabis board, the makeup is cross section, I would like to make the recommendation of Peter Gendron, he, has a heart for patients, understands the history and is familiar with both compassionate growers and industry. He would be a superior asset to the Cannabis board.

-20 Thank, you for your cooperation on this rewrite.

I do not support the merging of OMMP into the OLCC. But, if that is to happen there should be provision for both Cannabis & Liquor to be consumed at Public venues, there is a family friendly Tequila event coming soon and Brewfest. Make provisions for tents or any other area “out of PUBLIC view” for those who want to consume Cannabis.

All issues regarding Oregon Medical Marijuana Program should have not been even on the table during legislation. We as OMMP Patients, were told in Measure 91 stating 7-70 **Do not amend or affect in any way the functions, duties and powers of the Oregon Health Authority under the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.** I am embarrassed to say I believed this was the truth. I am embarrassed to say I stood behind it, and asked by fellow patients and growers to vote for this. I am with egg on my face, because I believed in a lie.

For the record Cannabis prohibition needs to END, PLEASE TAKE THAT TO THE WHITE HOUSE. Educate Sessions if can.

Respectfully,

Cindy Etzel