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Senator Ted Ferrioli
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Re: Tribal Cannabis Tax Equity Bill

Dear Senator Ferrioli:

The Burns Paiute Tribe is writing to support the proposed Tribal Cannabis Tax Equity bill. The bill equitably addresses omissions in the taxing scheme imposed by Ballot Measure 91 (as amended) which imposes a point of sale (retail) tax on all items sold within the State market. While the State retail tax is clearly intended to benefit citizens statewide and address issues of statewide concern or impact, the State tax wholly neglects to recognize the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon. While each of Oregon's tribes are unique and have differing interests that are served or impacted by Oregon's program, the Burns Paiute Tribe supports the proposed Tribal Cannabis Tax Equity bill because it expressly recognizes tribal regulation of marijuana-related activities and facilitates collection by Oregon's tribes of tax revenues associated with tribal regulation of marijuana-related activities to address critical needs facing tribal communities. Key components of the bill include the following:

- It recognizes tribal regulatory interests in marijuana-related activities associated with the State marketplace;
- It equitably addresses tribes who opt into cannabis regulation in coordination with the State program;
- It prevents the possibility of double taxation by tribes and the State of Oregon which may harm the State marketplace and tribal economic and community development;

- It facilitates the collection of tribal taxes on tribally developed products to serve important tribal governmental interests.

In summary, while Oregon's tribes have not all engaged in cannabis regulation or in the cannabis industry, the Burns Paiute Tribe believes that Tribal Cannabis Tax Equity bill provides an equitable foundation to advance tribal interests as the State market and tribal regulatory participation matures.

Sincerely,



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