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I am the own and operate a small ommp farm in rural Douglas county. I have been serving patients since 2012. I am currently looking at having to shut down my farm with all the new regulations I will be unable to afford to farm for my patients that need access to free meds the most.

Please allow medical gardens full access to the market by passing 2198 without the 20 pound market limit. This would not even cover operating costs. Farming medical grade cannabis is a full time 24/7 commitment. I cannot work 50 plus hours a week to not cover costs and have no income for my work. I cannot simply walk away from my farm or have someone else take charge if you farm cannabis it requires every ounce of dedication and knowledge to be in full compliance with testing, fees and taxes. This is skilled labor! We have a large overhead as is and increasing fees and not allowing full access to olcc licensed stores is ruining medical growers. All of my outlets for supplying to ommp shops have all changed to olcc stores. Since I live in a banned county I can't even opt in as a small tier grower.

There either needs to be access for medical growers to sell overages without limits or not allow medical sales at olcc stores.

The whole cannabis industry has been built on the backs of ommp patients, growers and dispensaries. We now have no outlet to sell overages to pay our bills so we can afford to grow for poor, sick and dying patients!

By working closely with our patients we have made many positive changes in their lives. They are in complete despair to know we are looking at having to close our doors.

I am partially disabled and farming medical cannabis has given me a sense of purpose being able to help myself and others. I would be applying for disability if I could not farm from home. Please pass 2198 with equal opportunity for medical and olcc growers.

I am also urging the passing of -20 amendment allowing rural growers to continue farming as long as they provide GPS coordinates and a reliable way of being contacted for inspection. These grow sites should be desired as they are definitely out of public view and generate no complaints from neighbors. The people who have spent there life savings on developing these sites will be at a total loss. Thank you for your consideration on these matters.

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