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## Co-chairs Hayward and Rayfield, members of the committee:

As director of New Approach Oregon, the political action committee responsible for the Measure 91 cannabis legalization law, I am writing to encourage you to pass House Bill 2198. This common sense bill will ultimately increase revenue to the state by bringing medical growers into the regulated and taxed OLCC system. Over 56% of Oregon voters supported the M91 effort that campaigned on the notion that the state should bring as much marijuana as possible into the regulated and taxed system; HB 2198 helps achieve this important goal.

More medical growers coming into the OLCC market will not only bring more revenue into the state's coffers, but it will also create jobs and help secure the long-term viability of the regulated and taxed marijuana system by helping ensure that more marijuana avoids the illegal market. The small farmers that will benefit from HB 2198 will be able to continue to help sick patients and put more money back into our state's economy. House Bill 2198 is a win-win-win-win for patients, consumers, businesses and the entire state of Oregon. Please pass this sensible bill.

I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have about this bill and the potential impact upon our regulated marijuana system.

Thank you,

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