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Madame Co-chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization:

Thank you for your dedication to fully legalizing cannabis and for bringing Oregon closer than ever to the new cannabis lounge and event industry other states will capitalize on like California. I hope we agree that cannabis use should not have been criminalized for the last century. Activists have been mobilizing to right this wrong for decades culminating in the near landslide passage of Measure 91 in an off year election. Voters passed a measure that forced prohibitionists to collect signatures if they wanted to ban the cannabis industry in their cities and counties. Instead the state allowed cities and counties to easily opt out and therefore full legalization only exists in certain parts of Oregon.

I prefer SB 788 that allows cities and counties to opt out, but that bill has no hearing set. I would frustratingly support SB 307 even though it means we have to fight a battle with our city or county once again. I offer this sensible compromise.

It is safe to assume that if a city and county has not opted out of cannabis commerce that they would also allow this activity. So cities and counties that have opted out of cannabis commerce would automatically have a ban on social consumption establishments. And cities and counties with no ban would automatically be opted in. Cities and counties can legislate appropriately.

Please allow for Oregon to capitalize on this, the final basic cannabis freedom we need to make legal in the simplest form.

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