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Honorable Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Bonham and Fahey, and members of the House Committee on Economic Development,

The Portland Business Alliance (PBA). PBA is the Greater Portland Chamber of Commerce and the leading voice for business in the region. The Alliance advocates for business at all levels of government to support commerce, community health and the region's overall prosperity. On behalf of our 1900 members, we are proud to support HB 2909.

Portland's regulated cannabis industry is thriving, and HB 2909 removes barriers to modernized delivery operations. This important update allows technology companies like Eaze and the local retailers it partners with to operate more effectively, efficiently, and safely.

Recently, PBA welcomed the partnership between Oregon-based Kaleafa and Eaze, which will expand Portland's access to legal cannabis. Collaborations like this align with our mission to strengthen small businesses, boost our local economies, and provide one-of-a-kind customer experiences.

HB 2909 would pave the way for more partnerships like this, providing additional opportunities for licensed dispensaries to reach consumers through the legal market.

And HB 2909 would allow orders to be accepted in real time—a feature customers are coming to expect in 2019. Deliveries can also be faster and more efficient, which also leads to fewer vehicles on the road. Allowing a digital manifest provides security for consumers, retailers, drivers, and our local law enforcement and compliance officers.

We respectfully request your support for HB 2909, which will allow companies like Eaze to operate with optimal efficiency, ensuring they can thrive in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hoan
President and CEO

