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To: House Committee on Economic Development
From: Anthony Taylor,
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Re: **HB 3395**

Distinguished Members,

HB 3395 bill will allow medical cannabis growers in the CTS to transfer cannabis to any OMMP patient that holds a valid patient or caregiver card.

HB 3395 will require a personal agreement between the grower and patient (ORS 475B.822)¹ and an OMMP Authorization to Transfer form (attached) and all transfers are required to be reported into the Cannabis Tracking System.

The end result of this bill is two-fold:

- Reduce OMMP inventory
 - OMMP inventory stands at any given time, somewhere between 25,000 and 40,000 pounds. This inventory is reported into the CTS but since OMMP growers have little access to market, it is hard to imagine this overstock is not a temptation to diversion to other less regulated markets.
- Allow OMMP growers to serve patients that have lost their grower
 - January 2017 - Growers provided for 25,395 patients
 - January 2018 - Growers provided for 13,000 patients
 - **This number now stands at just under 4,800 patients.**

In states with medical cannabis, Medicare costs drop by up to 25%. When patients are prevented from establishing a relationship with a grower, they are required to find other ways to procure their medications. When the state reduced access to medical growers, it forced those patients to obtain their medical cannabis from other sources including returning to their prescription medications they had eliminated by using cannabis. Here are some ways a patient that has lost their grower may find cannabis.

- Other patients, friends
- Underground markets
- OLCC retail stores
- Return to pharmaceutical medications

We look forward to our time before the Committee

Sincerely,

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Transfer Authorization Form Medical marijuana caregiver or grower to DISPENSARY

(To be completed by and signed by the **OMMP patient**.)

Note: Use this form to authorize transfer of your usable marijuana, immature plants and seeds. Only one individual can be authorized per form.

Section 1 — Patient authorizing transfer

Name: _____ Phone number: _____
OMMP card number: _____ OMMP card expiration date: _____
My (check one): caregiver grower _____
Is authorized to transfer (check all that apply): usable marijuana immature plants seeds

Section 2 — Person authorized to make transfer

Name: _____ Phone number: _____
OMMP card number: _____ OMMP card expiration date: _____

Section 3 — Signature and dispensary information (required)

I, _____, (*patient*) authorize the above-named individual to transfer my usable marijuana, immature plants and seeds to the following registered **dispensary**:

Dispensary name:	MMD number:
Dispensary physical address:	
City/State/ZIP:	

Date authorization expires (if different than expiration on patient's OMMP card): ___/___/___

I understand the product will no longer be my property after transfer is complete. The product will be returned to me if tests are positive for pesticides.

Patient signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Note: The dispensary must keep the original copy of this form on file. Other parties should also keep a copy for their records.

¹**475B.822 Personal agreements.** Notwithstanding ORS 475B.810 (7), a person responsible for a marijuana grow site may enter into an agreement with a registry identification cardholder under which the registry identification cardholder assigns, to the person responsible for the marijuana grow site, a portion of the right to possess the seeds, immature marijuana plants and usable marijuana that are the property of the registry identification cardholder. [Formerly 475B.425]