

I strongly urge the Committee to advance this important bill. Oregon's legalization of cannabis has been a win for our economy. Still, the benefits of legalization have passed by the same people and communities who were harmed by a senseless, decades-long war on drugs. As a legal cannabis consumer, I want the taxes I pay on recreational cannabis to be reinvested in the community, giving opportunities to Black and Brown entrepreneurs. I also want to see nonviolent cannabis convictions expunged. It's ridiculous and unfair that Black people were 2x more likely to be arrested for weed possession and distribution than me (a middle class white lady) before it was legalized.

As an Oregon taxpayer, homeowner, and legal cannabis consumer, I want to see everyone in our state get a fair deal. That starts with expunging records for things that should never have been crimes to begin with, and it continues with investing cannabis tax money in the communities hurt by the drug war.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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