

Dear House of Judiciary Committee,

As a woman of color, mixed race with Mexican -Indigenous, and Jewish backgrounds, my family and thus I have suffered the direct harm of the War on Drugs and disproportionate race inequities. It is unfair to me that mass amounts of people are suffering from cannabis records yet the market is fully legal and growing profit in Oregon. It's blatant institutional racism, and for the house to allow that would mean you are in support of institutional racism. I come here today filled with great and helpful experiences with cannabis itself intersected with the inherent trauma and lack of wealth from the criminalization of it. Our people are suffering. It is time for change. It is time to be given the wealth and opportunity that has been so historically denied.

-Tonantzin Brito