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Chair Wilde and committee members,

I do not support HB 2445.

Over 50 percent of Oregon Medical Marijuana Program participants are over the age of fifty and live on a low fixed income. These patients already have a difficult time affording safe and affective cannabis from OLCC recreational cannabis licensees. If HB 2445 moves forward it will be yet another barrier for the most vulnerable OMMP patients. A 20 percent increase in cost would prevent many OMMP patients from obtaining the cannabis they need to treat their medical conditions with.

Please refer HB 2445 to the Joint Tax Expenditure Committee with the recommendation to extend this tax credit without change indefinitely.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Respectfully Matthew S. Mendoza.