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2022 Oregon Legislature
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110 Implementation

Subject: SB 1541

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, Members of the Committee:

AOC advocates on matters of importance to Oregon's 36 county governments and I'm writing today in support of the vital illegal cannabis enforcement funding contained within SB 1541.

AOC's Public Safety Steering Committee has unanimously prioritized advocating for increased funding and statutory tools to aid counties with the metastasizing problem of illegal cannabis grows. While the problem's epicenter is in Southern Oregon today, we know that drug trafficking organizations are expanding their reach across the state. A State Police unit with ongoing funding would greatly help county sheriffs provide the law enforcement our county citizens demand and deserve.

Please pass this bill on to Senate Finance and Revenue so that those committee members can discuss how to best provide the ongoing funding stream counties need for these enforcement activities. Thank you for your support of your local county partners.

Respectfully submitted,
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