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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4016

Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns over HB 4016, section 1, subsection 5. While a need to authorize a moratorium on new marijuana licenses is debatable; deactivating applications that have already been submitted in completeness is unjustifiable. A retroactive date on the moratorium will cause undue hardships to those that have assumed the cost of due diligence associated with the licensing process as well as the contractors that have already been scheduled to complete these projects, property owners that have already secured leases, and so on... When the producer moratorium was established in 2018 applicants were given notice and a time frame to complete their applications before they were deactivated. We're asking that the committee change the literature of this bill to extend the same consideration to new applicants, who submitted after Jan 1, 2022, that are currently ready for assignment with the OLCC.

Sincerely,
Wes Neal