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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

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My name is Heather Bugayong and my husband and I recently submitted a producer application on January 2, 2022. We were excited for the moratorium to expire and worked tirelessly to purchase a commercially zoned property in Portland, Oregon to pursue our dream. We did extensive research, grew our savings and invested everything into what we hoped would be an opportunity to enter the cannabis industry. We submitted our completed application, along with an approved Land Use Compatibility Statement from the City of Portland, on January 2, 2022.

We understand the concern of an oversaturated market in a new industry. However, we also understand the importance of supporting legal, and most importantly small, businesses who deserve the chance to enter the market.

It is important to note, we have invested everything we have based on what we have researched and read and feel blindsided by this new proposal.

We truly hope we are afforded the opportunity we have worked very hard to obtain.

Sincerely,

Heather Bugayong and Daniel Hembree