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I strongly oppose HB 4016. Cannabis businesses already face more hurdles to operation than just about any industry, and the Bill looks to be another example of an over regulated but underrepresented market. The proponents of this bill are large scale producers that have choked smaller farms out of the market through overproduction. They already hold a large portion of shelf space by virtue solely of their operation's size. They have expanded recklessly without heeding supply or demand, and are now asking for government intervention to stifle competition. There are responsibly run farms that have been profitable from day one because they had a strong business plan. You won't get letters from them asking for support because they don't need it. Now they need your support. Don't choke them out. Allow a free market.