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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity

Measure: HB4016

Hello and thank you for your consideration. I write today to oppose HB 4016. You are proposing another moratorium on issuing of licenses, an asinine backwards attempt at government meddling in a free market. This market willfully and gleefully chose overproduction, now beseeches you to provide them a bailout in the form of favorability. Market based problems require market based solutions to advance toward maturity, and this is a situation where the market should provide corrections for both supply and pricing-not the government.

It is producers that caused this problem, not the OLCC or the legislature. It should be fixed accordingly. A few options available other than limiting of licenses:

Production caps/quotas

Tax for bulk units of production (tax per pound produced)

Setting price limits

New license lotteries

Renewal lotteries

It seems that the decision to settle on a license moratorium, as opposed to any of the above options, was arrived at arbitrarily. Was there a working group or committee that has provided recommendations or feedback on the options I suggested? If yes, may I see the results of the committee's research? If no, why not? We know there is an oversupply, has there been a determination to what extent license totals are the issue (correlation vs causation)?

Unintended consequences of this action are, among others, that successful and expanding businesses will find barriers set up by the legislature at the behest of businesses that are not succeeding and expanding. This action prevents a small dispensary from self-supplying and vertically integrating, actual organic growth and expansion amid a sea of big money investors. You are hurting the people at the bottom with this, we waited 2 years, corresponded with the OLCC for the end of the moratorium, completed and submitted an application. My Grow Operation Plan specifically outlines the primary use of our desired license: self supply-not selling to the general market.

You are considering moving forward with legislation whose alternatives have absolutely not been properly vetted. Without sufficient data to suggest, or even hint, that this bill would solve anything at all, it is incumbent that votes cast for this must be no. A continuation of researching options is necessary, which is why the OLCC reports must be relied on before making decisions that impact the entire industry.

This is a market problem, let the market sort it out. Equilibrium will be met, let it be by market forces. Competition, not intervention, is what we need, and ask of you.

Thank you,

Jared Bosch