

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Cate and Kropf, and members of the House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity,

My name is Michelle Risher, and I am an elected Democratic National Committeewoman and member of the Democratic Party of Oregon. Having been a supporter of M110, I am quite concerned, and frankly disgusted, by the attempts of this committee's leadership to bastardize and coopt it in order to allow "hemp" profiteers and lobbyists to control Oregon's burgeoning marijuana market by enacting HB 4016-03.

This thinly-veiled legislative gambit would subvert \$29 million from M110 services for illegal cannabis enforcement and grants to community-based organizations related to illegal cannabis operations. And to what end? To assure the lobbyists of wealthy marijuana growers and so-called entrepreneurs that their retail stranglehold on Oregon's market is ensured via this proposed legislation. I believe you know of whom I speak as campaign finance filings show that many of them have contributed to your campaign(s).

HB 4016-03 is not about illegal cannabis operations, it about selling out Oregonian's by propping up and increasing the profits of these wannabe "pot barons" by quasi-legally preventing potential competition.

I am a 68-year-old trans woman with disabilities and I grow my own legal pot at my residence, so I have no need to purchase it. However, I must understand the intent of HB 4016-03 and who it truly serves and wonder when the corporate greed of these lobbyists and trade associations will want to find a reason to ban Oregonian's ability to grow their own. That is not in the least hyperbolic given the scope of what you want to do with this bit of unseemly donor-based political incest.

There is much more that I can and would like to state, but for now I will close with reminding you of your obligations to the people of Oregon that elected you and not to the wealthy donors, lobbyists, and their narcissistic self-interests, and I am asking you to vote "No" on this foul political detritus.

Sincerely.

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