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Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1564

To whom it may concern in regards to the moratorium deadline,

As the operations manager of my family's 3rd-year hemp farm, I strongly oppose this measure. We understand the importance of monitoring supply and demand as one of the top producers of hemp in the country, however, the arbitrary deadline for registration renewal before January 1st, 2022 is hurtful to veteran farmers who have remained diligent about all proper license renewals in years prior. Oregon needs to consider the profound impact this moratorium will have on small family-owned businesses that are already financially burdened with an adverse and volatile industry. If the farmers that have consistently met rigorous registration requirements in years prior are exempt from being granted renewal, this will significantly harm the future and well-being of their livelihood and businesses. Oregon needs to strongly re-consider either extending the deadline for application renewal or doing away with it entirely. This moratorium deadline hurts an already struggling industry more than it does help, especially to those who have been farming responsibly for consecutive years.

My family and I oppose this arbitrary deadline entirely and strongly encourage the state of Oregon to re-consider and evaluate the consequences this will have on businesses that have followed the rules and met the requirements for proper licensing year after year.