Representative Nathanson, Chair
Representative Reschke, Vice-Chair
Representative Walters, Vice-Chair
House Committee on Revenue
Oregon State Legislature

Re: Support for House Bill 2089

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and Members of the Committee,

The Metropolitan Mayors’ Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of twenty-five cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. The MMC writes to express support for legislation that would increase marijuana revenue to our cities.

With the passage of Ballot Measure 110 (2020) the distribution of critical marijuana revenue to cities and counties was reduced. The total reduction was $8.6 million in 2019-21 and $36.4 million in 2021-23. As a result, our ability to pay for public health and public safety services has lessened. HB 2089 helps rectify this revenue gap by increasing the amount transferred to cities and counties from the Oregon Marijuana Account.

On behalf of the 1.7 million Oregonians we represent, the Mayors of the MMC urge the committee’s support for HB 2089 and similar legislation. Thank you for your leadership, partnership, and consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan Mayors’ Consortium