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Measure: SB303

I oppose SB 303 and urge you not to pass this for the following reasons:

--Providing psilocybin services is already prohibitively expensive. SB 303 would further add to the cost, creating even more barriers to delivering and receiving care. When you take into consideration existing financial barriers around banking, land/facility ownership, etc., this is already enough of an arena for the rich.

--It creates fear around disclosure. Companies are hacked all the time and we can expect that to be an ongoing issue. This would be a hacker's delight to expose. We have judges, cops, firefighters, politicians, well-known people, etc. who receive psychedelic facilitation care underground. SB 303 would post too great a risk to their careers and reputation in a climate in which psychedelics are still stigmatized. People may fear losing parental rights or access to social support. Passing SB 303 would make underground options even more attractive.

--You're putting non-scientists in charge of collecting scientific data. Psilocybin service facilitators need fewer hours than a yoga teacher. Might putting this task in the hands of the inexperienced corrupt the data?

--It's not equitable. I see this is an argument. Quite the opposite, it's a further barrier.

--We don't want this. We demand a right to privacy. We don't need to be nannied by you. Cognitive liberty and medical freedom are American birthrights.

I am sympathetic to and supportive of the need for ongoing solid data, but it should be voluntary. Incentivize centers that collect data in ways they can pass on to clients.

But demanding it sets a bad, authoritarian tone that does not belong in the psychedelic healing space.