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Greetings Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Goodwin and Nelson, and Members of the House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care -

Our names are Tom Eckert, Program Director of InnerTrek (an Oregon Health Authority approved and Oregon Department of Education licensed psilocybin facilitator training program) and architect and Chief Petitioner of Oregon's Ballot Measure 109, and Nathan Howard, Director of Operations at InnerTrek and a former member of the Measure 109 team.

InnerTrek is a ground-breaking training school—the first of its kind in the United States and the first to graduate Psilocybin Facilitators as of last month — which prepares students to become state-licensed psilocybin service facilitators. Our mission is to spark healing and wholeness through Oregon's newly legal psilocybin therapy and wellness framework.

**InnerTrek strongly supports SB 303-2**, because we care about client access, and we know that in order to ensure meaningful client access, we need to work towards insurance coverage – which requires good data.

SB 303 requires the collection of meaningful client information, from aggregate level demographic information, to the number and severity of adverse events experienced, to average dose used. This information will help the psilocybin community, and particularly facilitators in gaining a deeper understanding of how to care for their clients. Good data will provide meaningful insights on how to improve safety, equity, and access to services.

As Directors of a facilitator training school and the originators of Ballot Measure 109, we take client experience seriously.

Quality training programs will be the key to the statewide program's success, equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed to launch successful careers as licensed



psilocybin facilitators. Our curriculum is based on the deep history of plant medicine use, as well as the growing body of research in the evolving field over the past several decades - research that has bolstered the effort to make these services available. New and robust data from the first state to make controlled access to psilocybin services available will propel Oregon's statewide program in a safe, equitable, and effective manner while informing the growing field at large - paving the way for effective care for veterans, those suffering from depression and anxiety, and many others.

Data-driven research is what has gotten Oregon's program to where it is today. Good data is needed to continue to move this program forward in a safe, equitable, and effective manner. We encourage the committee to support SB 303, with the option for clients to opt-out of sharing their data if they so choose.

Sincerely,

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