



STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF HB 3183

To: House Committee on Rules

From: Michael Selvaggio, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555

Date: May 9, 2023

Chair Fahey, members of the Committee:

I recently received this supportive email directly from an individual in the cannabis industry and, with his approval, wanted to share it into the public record. Thank you.

Support for HB3183
May 6, 2023, 3:22 PM

Hi Michael,

My name is Daniel Isaacson and I'm the owner of a medium-sized cannabis company in Oregon and I wanted to express my thanks and support for HB3183.

I've seen first-hand employees come from other establishments where they were exploited and robbed of their safety, security, economic freedom and right to organize. We as an industry long for recognition on par with other industries, and this is one stone along that pathway.

Our industry is in trouble. Out-of-touch regulation, disconnected state officials, rampant distrust, and an ever looming black market makes navigating these waters very challenging. But I have found that when I look at our employees as partners moving toward a shared goal as opposed to yet another adversary to overcome, we are better positioned to succeed.

And frankly, by ensuring a prevailing wage, universal safety standards, and the muscle of organized labor to advocate for the things owners need as well as employees, those that embrace this option or privately compete themselves, do so knowing they hold not only a pivotal advantage over those who don't, but also command the moral high ground that proves each of our own character.

Please add my name to any list or tool-belt used to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

-Daniel Patrick Isaacson