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RE: Please Support HB 4121 for a Sustainable Cannabis Industry in Oregon

Chair Kropf, and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

**I am writing to you today to ask that you support passage of HB4121, Sections 12 & 15-20 are essential to the survival of my business.**

My name is Les Helgeson and I am a co-founder/owner of Green Hills LLC. We are a micro-tier producer and have been licensed by OLCC since 2016. I am advocating for passage of HB 4121, especially sections 15-20.

It is ironic that OLCC's management of liquor licenses is ironclad while cannabis licensing is akin to a free-for-all circus available to the highest bidder(s). Our markets have collapsed due to severe over supply issues along with an unsustainable retail network.

While the industry finally appears to be stabilizing somewhat, adding new licensees to the already over saturated market will likely destroy our industry altogether. The cannabis licensing and moratorium provision(s) of HB 4121 are essential to the survival of our business and many others, with tax revenue implications for the State of Oregon, as well.

Thank you for considering this critical piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Les Helgeson  
Owner/ Cultivation Manager  
Green Hills LLC