



Lazarus Naturals

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House Committee on the Judiciary Members
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Can support for HB 4121 with request for amendments

Chair Kropf and the esteemed members of the House Committee on the Judiciary,

My name is Dylan Summers and I am a VP at Etz Hayim Holdings, S.P.C. d/b/a Lazarus Naturals. We are a vertically-integrated, Washington and Oregon-based hemp-derived product manufacturer with 400+ registered acres of hemp farmland in Oregon and operations in Portland and Seattle, originally founded in north Seattle, Washington. We currently employ 110+ Oregonians at Lazarus Naturals. I also serve as President of the Association of Western Hemp Professionals (a trade group of hemp business leaders from all phases of the hemp industry with the interest of advocating for hemp in the Western United States, primarily), am a Advisory Board Member with the Global Hemp Innovation Center (Oregon State University), and currently serve on the Washington State Hemp in Food Taskforce.

Thank you again for affording us the opportunity to speak to House Bill 4121 with request for amendments. I was hoping to drive home a few points.

- **Please omit the language regarding Industrial Hemp registration development by the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission.**

There is a provision for the OLCC to create a registration for retail of Hemp products. This is not necessary. The ODA has already been funded for this effort and currently has rules drafted for a new retail license that addresses this issue of product registration. As such, the language regarding retail registration can be removed from consideration.

I (in collaboration with others in Oregon and the greater Pacific Northwest) am excited to work toward perfecting this great start of a bill. We look forward to collaborating with law-lamkers to make Oregon an ideal environment for producing safe and efficacious hemp goods for the folks that need them most.

Best regards,

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