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Rep. Daniel Nguyen, Chair  
House Economic Development, Small Business & Trade Committee  
900 Court St.  
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chairs Isadore and Skarlatos, Members of the Committee:

My name is London Stricklin, and I am the owner and operator of the only independent, mom and pop shop in Beaverton, Oregon. I've built Green Martian Dispensary on strong relationships with a unique curation of quality vendors, based on my customers' specific demands.

SB 1548A threatens to undo all that I have worked for.

First, this bill would devastate my suppliers and partners' businesses. Many small brands on my shelves, like those providing craft, high-quality edible products for my customers, simply can't afford the upgrades to meet new, automated packaging regulations. The timeline allowed for implementation matters not.

The financial hurdles, such as securing adequately-sized, *licensable* commercial real estate, will force closures. This erases years of trusted product partnerships for consumers, limiting their options to those few companies that do survive a nearly \$2M burden. As a result, those companies' products will also be nearly double the cost from these new regulations. This would leave Green Martian customers with little to no products of their choosing.

Second, the job losses would be catastrophic to families across Oregon. Hundreds of positions in production, manufacturing, packaging and even retail could vanish. As companies shut down or automate packaging, there will be a drastic reduction in workforce. This will aggravate our current tax revenue problem, as our state budget continues to be reliant upon shrinking income taxes.

What's more, is that on average, around 27% of my customers are senior citizens and/or Oregon Medical Marijuana Program cardholders on a fixed income. Many with chronic pain, such as arthritis, are using 2.5mg or 5 mg edibles to ease their hardship, to eat and to sleep.

The reality is these packaging changes would make low-dose edibles harder to find and more expensive to access.

Finally, these little plastic choking hazards will mean that packaging waste multiplies tenfold per 100mg package, the most popular mg-sized purchase at my shop, adding to landfills with no clear solution.

I can appreciate that SB 1548A aims to do what we all believe is important, which is to protect minors and reduce their access. It is the right discussion, but a better, more effective solution exists. Instead of restrictive packaging mandates, Oregon should invest in consumer education and safe storage campaigns to make an immediate impact through education. Let's invest time and money into achieving better outcomes without harming small businesses.

I urge you to vote NO to protect our industry, jobs, and community. Thank you for your time.

London Stricklin  
Owner/Operator