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Testimony in support of HB 4142 A | Ryan's Law

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Chair Patterson, Vice Chairs Hayden, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health Care,

For the record my name is Farrah Chaichi and I'm the State Representative for House District 35 which includes Beaverton and Aloha. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 4142 A, my office's cannabis in hospice and end of life care bill. I'd also like to thank our persistent advocate, Anthony Taylor, and my chief of staff, Anne Marie Bäckström, for their years of work on this bill.

I will keep my remarks brief as I want you to hear from the subject matter experts in the room, as well as Jim Bartell, who is the father of a young man and father named Ryan from California who passed away after a long-fought battle with cancer and who Ryan's Law is named after in California and hopefully here in Oregon when it passes.

I shared in the House Committee on Judiciary that when I lost my mom she had been intubated. Because of this, we didn't get to be with her as she was passing. I feel that in hospice, we should allow patients to be with their family as long as possible, not just physically, but mentally, and verbally as well.

This bill is an important tool to facilitate cannabis use as an alternative or addition to opioid use in end of life care. While sometimes necessary, opioids are often overly sedative, preventing quality family interaction in a person's final days. As someone who lost my mother while she was intubated, I know how meaningful it is for patients to be present and in the moment for their last days and weeks with their loved ones. This is a quality of life and quality of care issue. The bill's goal is to ensure patients who desire this important and valid medical treatment have access to it across the board.

I will now let you hear from the experts. Thank you for hearing my testimony and I encourage you to support HB 4142 A.