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On Behalf Of: 4D Recovery
Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small
Business, and Trade
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1548

Members of the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade,

My name is Goldie Ward, and I live in Portland, Oregon. I work at 4D Recovery doing outreach and supporting young people in recovery.

I support SB 1548 because it helps reduce preventable harm to children and youth. In my work, I see how accessible high-potency THC edibles can be, especially when they look like candy. Young people's brains are still developing, and they are especially vulnerable to substance use disorders and mental health impacts.

SB 1548 simply requires safer packaging, like individually wrapped servings and child-resistant containers, similar to what Washington has already implemented to reduce pediatric poisonings. This bill does not take away adult access to legal products: it just helps protect kids.

Healthy children and families are the foundation of strong communities and a strong economy. I urge you to support SB 1548.

Sincerely,

Goldie Ward
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