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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1548

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to vote NO on SB 1548.

While protecting children and ensuring product safety must remain a top priority, SB 1548 risks undermining Oregon's regulated cannabis marketplace without meaningfully addressing the core sources of youth access. Licensed edible producers already operate under some of the strictest packaging, testing, labeling, and age-verification requirements in the country. By imposing sweeping new mandates on manufacturing processes, packaging systems, equipment, and product design, this bill would disproportionately burden the very businesses that are complying with existing law.

The financial impact would be especially severe for small and mid-sized processors that lack the capital reserves of larger operators. Increased compliance costs would inevitably be passed on to consumers through higher prices and fewer product options. More concerning, destabilizing the regulated market creates space for illicit and unregulated sellers—who do not follow safety standards—to expand. That outcome would undermine both consumer protection and child safety.

SB 1548 also raises practical child-safety concerns. Federal standards emphasize continuous child-resistant protection. By effectively encouraging packaging models that multiply individual unit-dose pieces outside continuous child-resistant systems once opened, the bill could unintentionally increase risks in the home environment rather than reduce them.

Oregon has worked hard to build a thoughtful, regulated cannabis market that balances safety, accountability, and economic opportunity. Instead of imposing broad mandates that threaten jobs, increase costs, and weaken licensed operators, lawmakers should collaborate with regulators and industry stakeholders to pursue targeted, evidence-based solutions that truly advance child safety without destabilizing the market.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you vote NO on SB 1548.

Sincerely,
Yair Maoz