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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1548

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding SB1548 and the scope of its impact on Oregon's regulated cannabis market.

While the bill is described as a small but significant step to improve safety, the practical effect appears to be far broader. Requiring changes to packaging and potency standards for every edible product on the market is not a minor adjustment. It would require manufacturers to reformulate products, redesign packaging, adjust production processes, and potentially discard existing inventory. For small businesses that are already operating on thin margins, this is not insignificant.

I am also concerned about the environmental consequences. Oregon has worked hard to promote sustainability and reduce plastic waste. Expanding individual packaging requirements will almost certainly increase the volume of single use materials entering the waste stream. If safety is the goal, I respectfully ask whether the environmental tradeoffs have been fully evaluated and quantified. Additionally, voters supported a regulated cannabis market to replace the illicit one with a system that is responsible and workable. Regulation in principle does not automatically justify every additional layer of rulemaking. Each new requirement should be clearly supported by strong evidence and weighed against economic and environmental costs.

Finally, if public safety is the guiding standard, I encourage the committee to consider regulatory consistency. Alcohol, which poses well documented health risks, is sold in large volume containers without portion level packaging mandates. It is worth asking whether the proposed approach treats cannabis proportionately relative to other regulated substances.

I appreciate the committee's time and consideration, and I respectfully urge you to carefully evaluate the broader consequences of this bill before moving forward.

Sincerely,

Anthony Manzalji