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On Behalf Of:

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Chair and members of the committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose this legislation. This proposal would harm tax-revenue-generating businesses that are already required to comply with extensive regulatory standards. Licensees currently take responsible steps to ensure that the products they sell are clearly labeled with suggested serving sizes and often include scoring or other clear indicators to help consumers measure those servings accurately.

I firmly believe that once cannabis products are legally purchased by adults, the responsibility for their safe storage and use rests with those consumers. Shifting that responsibility onto licensees is yet another example of cannabis being regulated more harshly than other substances governed by this same Legislature.

This measure could be a death sentence for many small licensees. It would also generate significant material waste, as businesses would be forced to discard existing compliant packaging and purchase new materials to meet revised requirements.

Retailers would be compelled to discount or liquidate products that currently meet all regulatory standards, resulting in reduced revenue for both businesses and the state. Regardless of the tax implications, the products this legislation seeks to restrict would still ultimately end up in the hands of consumers. In the process, retailers would absorb substantial financial losses on inventory already purchased from producers, placing additional and unnecessary strain on small business operators.