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Hello, I am writing in opposition of bill SB-1548. As someone who works in Cannabis retail I spend a lot of time handling edible products on a day-to-day basis and can confirm that 90% of products that are on dispensary shelves are already child-proof in a way that already protects children from getting into the edible itself. We examine these products for compliancy everyday to keep our store in regulation with OLCC's guidelines and any product that does not meet those guidelines is legally required to be placed into a child-safe bag. The Cannabis industry is an industry full of parents and medical patients who use the plant to maintain pain and anxiety, and are already ensuring the safety of their own children, let alone others. This industry is already one that unfortunately produces a lot of waste, all of our flower, and pre-rolls are required to be sold in child-proof plastic drams and we are already trying to find more ethical ways to go about this issue with recycling programs and partnerships. Individually wrapping every single edible will only produce more waste, and it will also make the product more accessible to consume if left unattended outside of it's original packaging. Keeping these edibles all together in one child-proof container keeps them safe from consumption. High-dose edibles are also often used for pain management as patients grow a tolerance for the substance, and the higher dose edibles are more affordable and accessible for anyone who needs it. Please reconsider passing this bill, Cannabis is more than just a recreational drug and I worry that this bill will only make it harder for users to manage pain, anxiety, and any other struggle they may face. I got into Cannabis by using edibles to combat my insomnia and it has led me into a career I didn't even know possible. My mother used edibles medically when she was going through cancer and needed to regulate her muscle pain and her appetite during chemo. Many people I've met in packaging in Cannabis are reliant on their income to take care of their families and this would ultimately change the entire production of the way edibles are made and jobs will be lost. This industry is based in community care, and anyone who is reckless with their products should be held responsible for themselves.