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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1548

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

My name is Anna Agnew, MD and I am a pediatric hospitalist practicing in Portland, Oregon. I care for hospitalized children from across our state. I urge you to support SB 1548A (Safer Marijuana Act).

In my clinical work, I have cared for young children with accidental THC edible ingestions who arrived profoundly somnolent and not acting like themselves; some required hospital admission and close monitoring until they could safely breathe and return to normal cognition.

I am also concerned about adolescents experiencing severe behavioral and cognitive changes, including psychotic symptoms, associated with higher dose/high potency THC exposure. SB 1548A is a practical harm reduction step within the scope of edibles: limiting THC to a single serving per individual edible and requiring individual wrapping of each piece reduces the risk of unintentional multi serving ingestion and supports safer storage and dispensing in the home.

Please vote "Yes" on SB 1548A.

Sincerely,

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