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**Subject:** SB 1015

Mr. Crawford:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this comment in regards to SB 1015. Please pass this along to all members of the Joint Committee.

Our company (Swell) is one of the largest cannabis processors in the state. We employ approximately 30 people and have annual gross revenue approaching \$10MM. During our growth over the last 2 years, we have continued to be surprised that greater efforts have not been made to integrate industrial hemp into the OLCC system. We believe industrial hemp will be a more significant industry for Oregon (and the nation) than recreational cannabis.

For this reason, we strongly support the Dash-4 amendments to SB 1015. These amendments will allow our company (and others similarly situated) to:

- bring in hemp from licensed hemp growers,
- track the hemp brought into the Swell system in METRC
- process the hemp into a concentrate or extract
- return the concentrate to the hemp grower for their distribution and use, or
- use the concentrate to augment cannabis products as a means to make better products.
- sell the hemp concentrate/extract and the augmented cannabis products in our retail outlets, and
- pay taxes on the products sold

SB 1015 is a vital step forward for Oregon. We urge the legislature to support this bill and allow hemp to become a part of the OLCC system.

Respectfully Submitted,

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