



**Public Testimony Regarding Senate Bill 307**

Madame Co-chairs and members of the Joint Committee on Marijuana Legalization:

New Approach Oregon previously submitted testimony urging the passage of Senate Bill 307 and we renew that call once again as this legislative session starts to wind down. This sensible bill is in line with the original text of Measure 91, which defined a public place, where cannabis use would be prohibited, as a place where “the general public has access.” By mandating that only adults over the age of 21 are allowed to enter licensed locations, SB 307 meets the public place definition that 56% of Oregon voters approved.

Senate Bill 307 will, like marijuana regulation has proven already, create jobs and generate revenue for our state. Smoking in public charges disproportionately impact people of color and those battling poverty. Allowing these licensed establishments will also curtail public smoking and provide a safe place for our most vulnerable patients and residents, particularly those that live in subsidized housing.

Addressing potential public health concerns, SB 307, with potential provisions such as the Dash 3 Amendments, allows for proper rules and regulations over time to ensure that public safety remains a primary priority. The ability of local control allows Oregon’s various communities to tailor their own vision, making SB 307 workable for every city in our great state.

By passing Senate Bill 307, Oregon legislators will be helping further craft practical regulations that will work best for Oregonians. Our state isn’t alone on the issue as California, Alaska, and other states and localities have moved forward with sensible cannabis consumption laws.

Thank you for working to implement marijuana regulations that create jobs, generate revenue and work effectively for communities across Oregon. I would be happy to address any questions or concerns that you have on this, or any other cannabis-related issue.

Respectfully,

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