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Dear Chair Burdick and Committee Members,

Re: Senate Bill 307, 308, and 788 Marijuana Social Consumption

Urban Oregon Legalized Marijuana, Rural Oregon is paying the Price

In November of 2014 Oregon Voters legalized marijuana under M91 a tax and regulate scheme providing anyone over 21 and over with the ability to purchase marijuana as well as the ability to grow 4 mature marijuana plants, have 8 oz. and a number of edibles and extracts in their possession. Then the Oregon legislature redefined marijuana as an agriculture crop through HB3400, which allows large commercial marijuana grows next to rural residential farming communities. It was never the voter's intent to have marijuana be redefined as an agricultural crop and be grown next to rural residential farming homes with no neighbor notification leading to unbearable odors of skunk smell, noise, increased traffic, water use violations, unreported robberies, blowing power transformers, guard dogs barking all hours of day and night and killing neighbors livestock, and large loud party events with have increased drug driving nor was it the voter's intent to provide social consumption facilities and events throughout our communities.

Over 19 of the 36 counties and over 100 of the 241 cities in Oregon have banned both medical and recreational marijuana in their communities, because it is still a federally illegal drug that brings a lot of public safety, quality of life, and property value risks.

It is not the responsibility of society to provide premises for where someone might utilize their so-called medicines or other recreational choices that belongs the social responsibility of the user. Perhaps the problem stems from the fact that the Food and Drug Administration has never approved marijuana as a medicine in smoked form and as well marijuana is still a federally illegal drug therefore providing businesses, landlords, neighborhood associations, schools, colleges and other public locations with protections.

We are opposed to SB307, 308, and 788 and urge a "no" vote.

Sincerely,

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