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LD 929

Good Morning,

My name is Elise Spaulding and my husband and I are owners of a small family farm in Scarborough. I am also a registered nurse actively practicing in the community. I am writing to you today in support and in opposition of some of the bills presented. LD 859 HP 545: Resolve, Directing the Treasurer of State to Review and Develop Options for Meeting the Banking Needs of the Cannabis Industry.

We gladly support this bill to better financial access for small businesses and farms. I believe that we should have the same access to business loans and opportunities as every other small business. This is especially important for those that aren't funded by large corporations.

LD 903 HP 392: An Act to Regulate the Advertising of Cannabis Products.

We are opposed to this bill. Specifically C-2 is very vague stating "Be designed to appeal specifically to or have a high likelihood of appealing specifically to persons under 21 years of age."

This is extremely vague and sets small business owners and farms up for costly penalties based off of subjective data from the assessors. C-3 is also vague claims of health or physical benefit claims I think that this needs to be broken down more to be included. To me we get into a gray area when it comes to subjective data, if we are going to fine and penalize small businesses then I think the rules and regulations should be very clear.

LD 929 HP 594: An Act to Increase Access to Medical Cannabis for Seniors and Veterans

As a Veteran owned and operated family farm we would love to see access expanded for our Veterans. I think this population is heavily overlooked, which is unfortunate because they are the ones that typically benefit the most from medicinal cannabis.

LD 948 HP 613: An Act to Reduce Administrative Burdens and Expand Access in the Laws Governing Cannabis

We are in support of this bill as well as I believe it will help small farms get a better outreach into the community.