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VOTE EXPLANATION

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Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building, H271
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2519

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I would like to provide an explanation on my vote for HB 2519 today on the floor. HB 2519 expands the delivery of cannabis to neighboring jurisdictions. I found myself weighing both sides to a topic that has impacted my community greatly. As a matter of fact, Measure 91 did not pass in Josephine County. My community is almost 50%/50% divided on this topic.

Of great concern to me was the amount of value that can be delivered: \$10,000 to one recipient. In Josephine County, \$10,000 can be 4 pounds of marijuana. That is well beyond the consumption of one person. It could easily be traded for 4 pounds of methamphetamine. But it could also be the small amount of processed cannabis for a bed ridden medical patient.

Why I voted in favor of the bill came down to four reasons. First, I believe strongly in the ability to keep these decisions in the local control of a community. Each city/County must opt in to allow the delivers of marijuana to consumers. Second, I have said I will follow the law and the law currently has a regulated delivery system that counters the black-market delivery that is going unregulated. Third, local pharmacies deliver medicine to patients. There is medicinal cannabis that is delivered to medical patients who are unable to get to the dispensary. And fourth and finally, because the recipient is verified for the lawful ability to purchase.

These are the reasons I voted in support of HB 2519.

Respectfully,

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