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The Honorable Gabrielle LeDoux
House Judiciary Committee Chair
State Capitol, Rm. 118
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Marijuana Initiative Implementation Timeline

Dear Representative LeDoux:

At the February 11, 2015 House Judiciary Committee hearing on HB 79 Representative Keller asked for a timeline of events relating to the implementation of the marijuana initiative (Ballot Measure 2: 13PSUM An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana). A timeline of the initiative is enclosed.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance

Sincerely,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

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Kaci Schroeder
Assistant Attorney General

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November 4, 2014 – Statewide election held. Ballot Measure 2 passes 53% to 47%.

November 24, 2014 – Vote certified by Division of Elections. Statutes will be enacted by operation of law 90 days later.

January 20, 2015 – Legislature gavel in. Multiple bills related to the marijuana industry are anticipated.

February 24, 2015 – Statutes are enacted. The nine month deadline for developing regulations begins.

April 19, 2015 – Legislature scheduled to adjourn.

November 24, 2015 – Deadline for the board to adopt regulations; if not adopted by this date, local governments have the option of establishing their own regulations. Final regulations package submitted to the Governor's Office and Department of Law for review and approval.

February 24, 2016 – Board must start accepting applications and must act on them within 90 days of receipt of application. If the board has not adopted regulations, applications may be submitted directly to local regulatory authorities.

March 26, 2016 – Tentative effective date of regulations; effective date will be 30 days after the Lt. Governor's Office files the approved regulations.

May 24, 2016 – Initial marijuana industry licenses expected to be awarded.