



Coalition for Responsible Cannabis Legislation

To: Honorable Senator Anna MacKinnon

From: Bruce Schulte, CRCL

Date: March 11, 2015

Re: SB 30 – Draft X

Dear Senator MacKinnon;

With regard to Senate Bill 30-Draft X, we are unequivocally opposed to the direction this modified bill would take if amended.

It is our position that Alaska voters very clearly voted to legalize marijuana and regulate it in a manner similar to alcohol. To re-classify marijuana as a controlled substance alongside powerful pharmaceutical drugs would be contrary to the letter and intent of the voter initiative and would demonstrate a fundamental lack of respect for the will of the voters.

The provision to limit daily sales to one-ounce per person could only be accomplished through extensive and intrusive record-keeping that is specifically disallowed under the initiative. No such limit is placed on alcohol sales and we see no rationale for such a requirement on marijuana retailers.

We urge the Senate Finance Committee to respect the will of the voters, to abandon this new direction and to pass SB30-Version F out of committee unmodified, and without further delay.

Best Regards,

Bruce Schulte, CRCL