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I would like to express my opinion about how essential it is to establish a separate Marijuana Control Board for the state of Alaska. This is the responsible way to set our best foot forward and to show the nation what we can do to create a responsible and productive industry. Having the Alcohol Control Board create the regulations would be a detriment for many reasons. First, they do not have the knowledge or background required to make decisions regarding the myriad aspects of the industry that are completely foreign to alcohol. Because of this, poor decisions will be made, which will make the industry less successful and bring in less money. Second, it is a conflict of interest to have the ABC board create the regulations for marijuana because we will be a competing market with them. It would be in their own best interest to create regulations that hinder our success. Third, these are volunteer positions. That board volunteered for their positions and it's not fair to force them to serve on an additional board that will require so much more work, taking them away from their families, work and lives. Fourth, I understand that creating a new MCB might cost a little up front, but when done well, it will generate millions of dollars in tax revenue that will more than pay for the investment. Thank you for your consideration.

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