
From: Karen Perdue <chenalady@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:58 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Support of Vivian Stiver for MCB

Committee members,

I want to add my support for appointing a public member to the Marijuana Control Board. I think Vivian Stiver would bring an important voice to the Board.

I am a former Commissioner of Health for Alaska and have been involved in a lot of regulatory and public process over the years. I voted for the initiative and was involved in the development of medical marijuana in Alaska in the 90's.

About two- three years ago I began attending and following the MCB. I was very surprised how focused the board was on industry interests - I have felt that the public perspective was often missing from the conversation. There are very few true members of the public that have time to follow the board or attend the meetings. People are busy. That does not mean a public board person would be there to stop initiatives but to ask questions that many in the public would have.

For instance , during the discussion of the regulations for onsite consumption or marijuana bars in Alaska there was no substantive discussion of driving impairment issues or of second hand smoke damage. We will now to be only state in the United States and actually I believe in North America to have marijuana bars.. they can be open from 8 am to 5 am with food entertainment etc.. we have no specific laws to deal with marijuana driving impairment. Some technologies to determine impairment are being developed but the public was never exposed to conversation about the outlook for these.. The board does not regulate driving laws but I believe they have a duty to examine that issue and seek out experts when making these decisions. I think more work session public dialogue was needed such as the legislature would do in making such a big decision.

In addition the Commissioner of Health for Alaska and the chief medical officer opposed marijuana bars and little consideration was given to their views. In fact hundreds of ordinary Alaskans opposed those regulations.

I'm not saying the outcome of any vote would be predetermined if a new member came on the board but there would be more robust, transparent conversation.

Because the regulations were in draft form for two years, the Board never took oral testimony or expert testimony until the very day before the vote on onsite. I would have preferred a much more transparent process.

Right now Ms Stiver is being criticized for being part of an unpaid citizen group that exercised the local option vote in the statute. The vote failed and that is the final word. But why is it grounds for disqualification to the MCB to use the statute as the Legislature intended? If citizens are going to be penalized for using statutory avenues to stimulate local discussion — then we have a big problem.

As it is that community education then led to the Fairbanks city council unanimously voting to tighten community marijuana regulations and to ban marijuana bars in the city last fall.

Our communities desperately need more nuanced science based conversation on the development of this industry.

Ms Stiver has taken it upon herself to meet with industry operators and learn as much as she can. She has strongly stated that she will follow the laws already in place.

My understanding is that the Legislature and Walker envisioned this seat would move between industry and public. Industry was chosen first because the system was being set up. It's time for a public member to be in this seat.

Legal Marijuana is here to stay - but if we have different perspectives our state will be safer and our industry will be stronger.

Thank you

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Sent from my iPad

From: patricia Fink <patriciafink405@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 8:01 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stiver Appointment to the Marijuana Board

Attention Senators, Marijuana Board:

Vivian is a trusted and fair candidate to serve on the state's Marijuana Board. I have known her for twenty years and consider her to be a hard working person who always takes her responsibilities seriously.

Thank you.

Patricia Fink

From: Kate Mowery <kamogal18@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 1:53 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce

My name is Kate Mowery of Fairbanks and I am encouraging the confirmation of Vivian Stiver. Vivian's confirmation will build trust with those who see the industry as aggressive and will represent families across Alaska who want the marijuana industry to be balanced and fair.

From: thefrozen4@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 1:52 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: In reference to Vivian's confirmation

I am encouraging our Senators to confirm Vivian's confirmation because it will build trust with those who see the industry as aggressive and will represent families across Alaska who want the marijuana industry to be balanced and fair.

Kathryn Mowery Fairbanks

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Sent from my iPhone

From: John Mowery <jmowery12@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 2:04 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: My Voice in support of Vivian Stiver

Hello, my Name is John Mowery representing myself. I am an Alaska College Student and voter from Fairbanks asking you to hear my voice in support of Vivian Stiver for the marijuana control board. I had the privilege of knowing Vivian and she is an honest, hard working, person who does indeed cares about the Alaskan people, the economy, and businesses in Alaska. She would be a great balance to the board, who would listen to both side on this issue, including the marijuana business. With her confirmation she would represent Alaskan and its values while having a proper view on the right regulations needed and not needed on the marijuana control board. I know Governor Mike Dunleavy has picked an excellent person and I hope you will vote to confirm her on the board.

For Alaska,
John Mowery

From: Rich Thorne <rbthorne@hughes.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 5:56 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stiver

Please confirm Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board. She will be much more fair than the industry suspects.
Rich Thorne
Bettles, Alaska

From: Annie Dougherty <adougherty@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:49 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Marijuana Control Board

We write in support of the appointment of Vivian Styver to the Marijuana Control Board. As the name of the board suggests, the state of Alaska seeks to control the regulation and development of this new industry. In order to accomplish this goal, the board must be balanced and represent a broad spectrum of the citizens of Alaska. The appointment of Vivian Styver will give the board balance and stability, allowing it to accomplish it's intended purpose and serve the needs of the residents of our state.

This seat was vacated by an individual who had a conflict of interest by their involvement in the marijuana retail business.

The seat did not offer a fair or balanced perspective to the board , but a self-serving bias.

Please confirm Vivian Styver.

Sincerely,
Dennis and Annie Dougherty

From: Cheryl LaFollette <chelo52336@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:15 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce

I'm writing in support Vivian Stiver's appointment to the Marijuana Board. Vivian understands that Marijuana is legal in Alaska, and has no intention of trying to change that. She does a tremendous amount of research on the subject. Her major desire is the need for and development of common sense education for the public.

Thank you for your consideration,
Cheryl La Follette

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From: Joseph Schlanger <nine07liberty@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:04 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stiver

Dear Senate Labor and Commerce Committee,

I would highly recommend Vivian Stiver to serve on the Marijuana Control Board. We need a diverse group on this board with experience such as hers. She served as a public servant on the Fairbanks City Council. We need leadership on the Marijuana Control Board so that everyone has a fair shake on what goes on in the Marijuana industry. Public safety and safeguards should be number one when considering issues like the marijuana industry. I hope you consider my thoughts and comments of Vivian Stiver to be appointed on the Marijuana Control Board.

Sincerely,

Joe Schlanger
House District 10 Alaska

From: Libby Dalton <libby.dalton458@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4:12 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Support Vivian Stiver - Public Testimony Hearing 2/12/19

I attended the hearing today by phone and waited several hours to testify. Unfortunately, my name was not called and it ended abruptly about 3:40pm. Here's my message;

I support Vivian Stiver for appointment to the marijuana control board. I'll speak mainly about her qualifications to serve. Vivian is intelligent, honest, hard working, fair & reasonable. She's worked in the legislature so she's familiar with the process of making rules & regulations. She's served on the Fairbanks City Council and she's been a successful business owner. She ran for mayor of Fairbanks in 2013 losing by only one hundred votes. Vivian is superbly qualified for this position.

The Governor believes she'll bring a valuable perspective to the board and I do too. She won't be making the rules & regulations. She'll be reviewing how the industry interprets and processes rules & regulations.

I know she's concerned about the long term affects marijuana usage has on young people. There's a lot we still don't know about these affects. She believes public education is important as do I.

Most all of the testimony before your committee today was from the industry and stressed money, taxes, jobs and how Vivian wasn't educated about the marijuana industry. She's educated enough to know it's a new & evolving market that has complex issues that need tough, thoroughly vetted regulations to protect the public. And what about the affects of marijuana on young people's minds? She will support continuing education and public awareness about the negative side affects of marijuana.

Bottom line; Vivian will support a fair & reasonable process of regulation in the marijuana industry.

Thank you,

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From: Lance Roberts <roberts.lance@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 10, 2019 9:18 AM
Subject: Marijuana Board Appointment

To the Senate Majority:

I'm writing this to uphold and confirm the appointment of Vivian Stiver to the marijuana control board. Miss Stiver has always impressed me with her neverending research into the marijuana issue, and her willingness to work for solutions. The board the last four years was unbalanced heavily in favor of not regulating the industry sufficiently; Miss Stiver will bring a balance to the board that's badly needed to protect the communities and people from issues that arise from the legalization of this drug.

Sincerely,

Lance Roberts

From: karen clautice <karen.clautice@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 1:56 PM
Subject: Support Vivian Stiver for the Marijuana Control Board

To the Members of the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee:

We are writing to ask for your support for Vivian Stiver's appointment to the Marijuana Control Board. We know her to be an honest, level-headed and hard working person who's willing to listen to all sides. Her presence on the MCB will help give balance to the board.

This is what she had to say about her appointment:

"It's a new industry and I think there are just so many aspects such as public education and process that are good to look at," Stiver said. "So, for me, it's really going to be a question of the balance in the process. We need a good process that is fair and reasonable for everybody; that any implementation is fair. I think process in and of itself is what keeps things on an even keel."

http://www.newsminer.com/news/alaska_news/dunleavy-appoints-former-fairbanks-councilwoman-to-marijuana-board/article_b248f9c8-1f79-11e9-b880-ef606e7797ba.html

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From: Vanwyhe Eileen <waterfalleileen@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson
Subject: Stiver for Marijuana Control Board

Senators- I am writing in support of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board. I know Vivians nomination will bring about a more balanced board. She is smart, does her homework and is very good about relying information back to constituents so we understand the issues. Thank you,

Eileen VanWyhe

From: Kerri Mullis <kam63@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 5:26 PM
To: Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Senator.Natasha.VonImhoff@akleg.gov; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Representative.Harriett.Drummond@akleg.gov; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Representative.Colleen.Leonard.Sullivan@akleg.gov; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky
Subject: Vivian Stiver for AMCO Board

Honorable Representatives,

I am writing this email in support of Vivian Stiver for AMCO board. I am a pro cannabis constituent. I believe that Ms. Stiver has much knowledge and experience with many types of Boards, and delegations. I further believe that when it comes to rules and regulations Ms. Stiver has the qualifications to keep this fledgling industry on track and beyond reproach. I personally feel that there were many circumstances in the last two years that were questionable in the rules and regulations, and I believe she will put this industry back on track, and make a shining example of what a good cannabis industry should look like. Thank you for your time.

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From: Judy Eledge <jnorton-ledge@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 7:56 PM
To: Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lora Reinbold
Subject: In support of Vivian Stiver for Marijuana Control Board

Dear Senators,

I hope to be able to testify tomorrow but if I am unable I want to let you know that I fully support Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board. Alaskans may have voted to legalize marijuana but many Alaskans did not. We have grave concerns about the law and its effects on Alaskans. It is gravely important that the board controlling marijuana has a balance of people on the board from both sides of the issue to ensure fairness in decisions that will ultimately affect ALL Alaskans.

I have known Vivian for many years as a friend and had the privilege on serving in different organizations with her. She is a fair and rationale person and will represent the Board in a professional manner at all times.

Regards,
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