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To the House Labor and Commerce Committee:

I'm writing this to ask you to uphold and confirm the appointment of Vivian Stiver to the marijuana control board. Miss Stiver has always impressed me with her never-ending 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
Fairbanks, AK**

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.

Kerri Mullis

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Similar to alcohol, marijuana is legal but dangerous. It needs to be regulated to minimize its harm to society – especially the potential harm to children. Vivian has a great deal of common sense and will be an asset to the decision-making functions of the Marijuana Control Board.

Dr. Robert A. Perkins, PE
Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Fairbanks 99775



Alaska House Labor and Commerce Committee,

I am a long-time resident of Fairbanks and have known Vivian Stiver for several decades. We have worked on civic and community projects, and I feel I know her well.

I am writing to urge your support for appointing Vivian to the Marijuana Control Board.

Vivian and I have had numerous conversations about her desire to serve on the board. She is seeking the position for all the right reasons. She is quick to point out that marijuana is legal in our state. The voters have spoken. She is working hard to educate herself about the industry so that she can work on regulations that are fair and appropriate for the industry and protect public safety.

Vivian is a businesswoman and recognizes that marijuana businesses, like all businesses, require personal and financial commitment. They must be treated fairly by government regulations. That is her goal and her commitment.

I urge you to support Vivian Stiver's appointment to the Marijuana Control Board.

Thank you,

Cynthia Henry

[REDACTED]
Fairbanks, AK. 99709

To whom it may concern,

I'm respectfully submitting my testimony in favor of Vivian Stiver to sit on the Marijuana Control Board.

I believe Ms. Stiver brings with her an excellent background in business practices and the ability to look at the industry in an objective and positive way.

Thank you for accepting my testimony,

Noel Crowley-Bell

Palmer, AK

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Please vote to confirm Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Commission. She is needed on the commission to balance it in the public interest. The MCC has been acting as a marijuana trade group ignoring their proper legal function and the public interest. Their current push to promote on-site consumption, despite that it is not even authorized by law, is the latest instance. Vivian has the background to conduct proceedings properly and legally. She is also needed to represent a broader portion of the general public. Sincerely, Steve Clautice

I support Vivian Stiver for the public seat on this board.

Vivian would bring a balance that is needed on this board.

The public will be well served and can trust that Vivian will listen fairly to everyone.

Vivian is well educated about the marijuana industry and is eager to do a good job.

Vivian continues to educate herself by reaching out to the industry and meeting with those willing to talk with her.

Marijuana is legal. Vivian can in no way change that or does she desires to do so.


This board needs a public voice. Vivian is hard working and will be a great asset and bring balance to this board.

Thanks,

Laura Morisky

It is an important time in our state. We are writing history daily. I hope that the next piece of history reflects that we finally got our act together and elected someone that was not solidly PRO POT to the Marijuana Control Board. It is time to bring a person who can fairly review and interpret the recommendations and regulations. It is time for a business owner, who understands the impact to business, to have a voice on the board. What you will hear is "vote no" from the marijuana industry. Why? Because they know that Ms. Stiver will be clear on the fact that public safety is priority number ONE. And it should be yours, as well.

Please vote to confirm Ms. Stiver. I will be in Juneau the week of March 4. I am happy to meet with any of you to discuss this further.

Renee Schofield, CEO
TSS, Inc
Ketchikan, Juneau, Craig, AK


House.Labor.And.Commerce Committee

I write in full support of the appointment of Vivian Stiver. She did an outstanding job on the Fairbanks City Council and will do a good job on the Marijuana Board as well!

Thank You!

Steve Adams

I support the nomination of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board and I urge you to support her nomination. I believe that it is helpful to have at least one voice on the board who is likely to give fair consideration to marijuana's negative effects rather than a board of total marijuana boosters who see no farther than dollar signs. Marijuana does have documented negative effects and yet many of its boosters totally dismiss and deny this. The consequences for young people are particularly of concern. We have never done a very good job keeping alcohol or tobacco products away from young people and we aren't doing any better at this with marijuana. We need people on the board who will bring these concerns forward for consideration.

Mary Beth Juday

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to ask you to confirm Vivian Stiver for the Marijuana Control Board. She would be a good addition to the board.

Thank you,
Jennifer Brandt

To the members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

I am please send in my support for the Marijuana Control Board member nominee Vivian Stiver. Ms. Stiver will bring much-needed balance and diversity of opinion to the Marijuana Control Board. She is business minded. She understands challenges that not only the marijuana industry faces but also those of all Alaskan residents as we figure out how to manage this new industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Jennifer Chikoyak

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Anchorage

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Jen Chikoyak

Hi

Please confirm Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Board. I've known her for some time now and trust her to be balanced and just. She listens to everyone. Her education and experience make her the perfect fit. She has taken the has taken the Marijuana Handlers test and passed with a 98% She knows more about the industry than anyone I know and continues to educate herself by reaching out to the industry and meeting with those willing to talk with her.

Thank you,
Christine Robbins

Its time to bring accountability to AMCO
Support our Governor and Appoint Stiver
Respectfully; Charles Elliott
Sterling Ak

I would like to comment on Vivian Stivers nomination to the MCB. Just because marijuana is legal does not mean that it is in the states interests to forge ahead full bore with only industry interest in mind. This industry is going to have impacts on the communities and people surrounding it; including youth use, addiction, and drugged driving. There is no reason why public health and safety interests shouldn't also be represented on the MCB board. Why does the industry believe that only their interests are the ones that are relevant to consider?

Brandon Emmett is quoted as saying that concerns for teen consumption and drugged driving is spreading "misinformation". The fact is that nobody has definitive data yet to know what the impact of marijuana legalization will be in the long term and suggesting that they do, is misinformed.

Those of us who work in the addiction treatment field are well aware of the negative impact of chronic marijuana use. There is no reason to think that marijuana is any different than any other intoxicating substance; some high functioning affluent people can use the substance recreationally with no problems at all, while other people's lives and communities are completely devastated by it.

The marijuana industry is following a path well-trod by the previous addictive substance industries: tobacco, vape and opioids; claiming that their products are safe, harmless and NOT addictive. And that their product is going to cure you of whatever ails you: Alcohol and opioid addiction, violence and cancer.

I ask you, which is more likely to be misinformed? The claim that an intoxicating substance has the potential to be addicting and harmful, or that it is going to cure cancer?

Asking to consider the potential impacts of marijuana legalization on public health and safety, and to address prevention measures, does not make one a prohibitionist.

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Kristin Cox, ND
Rainforest Naturopathic Medicine

I am writing to support Vivian Stiver's nomination to the Marijuana Control Board. I attended the Committee hearing by phone last Wednesday and frankly was surprised at the poor arguments against her, as put forth by the marijuana industry.

First, she was peppered with criticism for not being a marijuana user. If the industry thinks there is no room for someone who does not use marijuana on the Control Board, that is a revelation. Frankly, I want someone on the Control Board who does not use it, and is an advocate for the safety and well being of Alaskans who also do not use it. The industry's position on this is telling and specious.

Next, Vivian was accused of being a trojan horse who would sabotage the industry by her presence on the Control Board. No explanation was given for the reason the industry does not want some balance on the Control Board by giving those who do not use marijuana and are skeptical of its safe proliferation, especially when it is difficult to measure its effects on drivers such as alcohol is, some input on matters of concern to the Control Board. A healthy skepticism is useful when diving into the unknown. Surely the industry itself wants to promote health and safety with respect to the public's consumption of its products. At least it says it does. If that is true, someone who does not swallow information whole, without verifying its accuracy, would be an asset to the Control Board and industry.

Vivian was also accused of being a prohibitionist. I know this is not the case because in her work on the City of Fairbanks initiative, she specifically told me that medical marijuana was allowable. That is not a prohibitionist. At the time she clearly thought some uses were acceptable.

Consequently, I urge you to ignore the hysterics testifying against her and use common sense by confirming her. Vivian's fair-mindedness, good business sense, organizational skills, and work ethic would be an asset to the Control Board.

Ann Brown

I support the nomination of Vivian Stiver for the Marijuana Control Board. She will bring balance to the committee and provide a solid voice for the procedures and regulations. If the industry does not support her, I wonder why they don't want a "follow the rules person" on the board rather than a rubber stamp. She respects the law, but someone who cares about the implementation of rules is critical. Please support her nomination.

Althea Martin

I am concerned about some of the discussion taking place at your last hearing. Perhaps I can help clarify a few items.

The City of Fairbanks did not write complete marijuana regulations until after the vote on whether retail sales should be allowed within the city. Ms. Stiver is correct on that. Also, a legislator asked if she was a user of marijuana products. Is it a requirement that one has to be a user to sit on the Control Board? If an individual voted no on the statewide ballot legalizing marijuana, does that automatically eliminate them from ever being considered for this board? Ideally, you would strive for a diverse committee...it makes for better buy-in when a decision is made, and can represent points of view from a variety of Alaskans. Isn't this the ultimate goal?

Ms. Stiver would be a very good addition to the MCB.

Sincerely,

Jerry Cleworth

Members,

I would like to ask for your support of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board as she has been appointed by the Governor.

She would be a good Board Member because of her interest in this area and would well round out the Board.

Thank you,

Karen Karlen
Fairbanks

I recommend Vivian Stiver's approval to sit on The Marijuana Control Board. She is well educated about the marijuana industry and believes the public needs to be educated also.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our great state of Alaska,

Cheri Erdmann

Reformers Unanimous Secretary
Bible Baptist Church

In making your selection for the Marijuana Control Board, please give serious consideration to Vivian Stiver.

Vivian is an outstanding community member, actively involved in serving her community.

She takes it as her civic duty to be knowledgeable about issues which affect her, her community, and our state.

Her scores on the Marijuana Handlers test confirms her knowledge and the initiative she has taken.

As James Madison said, "Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and a people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

Vivian's knowledge and commitment make her an excellent choice. She will add needed balance to make a well rounded board, truly representing our community. She has the ability to work well with others, and is willing to consider other's points of view.

Sincerely,
Annie Dougherty

Members,

I trust Vivian Stiver to listen with a fair attitude to everyone involved. She is a person who has a good education in regards to cannabis. I found that she passed with a 98% on the Marijuana Handlers test. Vivian is the type of person that puts an effort into learning new things from those who are willing to talk with her.

She comes **STRONGLY** recommended!

Thank you

- Stephen

* We trust Vivian Stiver to listen fairly to everyone.

*Vivian Stiver is well educated about the marijuana industry.

*She has taken the Marijuana Handlers test and passed with a 98%.

Please confirm Vivian Stiver. Thank you for your service to our great state of Alaska.

-Nehemiah Greenfield, Fairbanks.

I am writing this to recommend you to approve Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board. Vivian Stiver is a business minded individual who will work within the legislation passed creating legislation which have statutory authority. I believe that she will be fair to industry and fair to the public.

Thank you,

Caleb Szklarz

I would like to recommend to you Vivian Stiver to sit on the Marijuana control board. She is well educated about the marijuana industry as a whole and we trust Vivian Stiver to listen fairly to everyone and not be pushed around by money or other influences.

Thank you,

Holly Szklarz

This letter is written to recommend Vivian Stiver as a board member of the Marijuana Control Board. She has taken the Marijuana Handlers test and passed with a 98% proving that she is well-educated about the marijuana industry. She strongly believes in educating others about this industry to generate confidence in our community and to lessen the tension there is with those who are skeptical.

Thank you,

Goldie Szklarz

I strongly support Vivian Stiver for the following reasons:

- She is well educated about the marijuana industry illustrated by taking the Marijuana Handlers Test and passing with a 98%.
- She is truly business minded and will work within the legislation that has been passed creating regulations which have statutory authority.
- Vivian Stiver understands that marijuana is legal and does not desire to change it nor has any authority to change it in this position.
- She strongly sees the need for public education in this area and believes this will generate confidence in our communities and lessen the tension with those that are skeptical about the marijuana industry.

Thank you,

Luke Szklarz

I recommend Vivian Stiver's approval to sit on The Marijuana Control Board. We need her as a voice for the public, please!!

-Emily Greenfield
Fairbanks

Members,

I trust Vivian Stiver to listen fairly to everyone on both sides of the marijuana issue. She is well educated about the marijuana industry and has scored a 98% on the Marijuana Handlers test.

Vivian Stiver continues to educate herself by reaching out to the industry and meeting with those on both sides of the issue.

She is business minded and will work within the legislation passed creating regulations which have statutory authority; fair to industry and fair to the public.

She strongly believes the public needs to be educated about the industry to generate confidence in our communities and lessen the tension with those that are skeptical about the marijuana industry..

I recommend Vivian Stiver's approval to sit on The Marijuana Control Board. A qualified candidate should not be disqualified by having a personal opinion about the marijuana issue. The board needs to be made up of members from diverse backgrounds to accurately represent our city.

Thank you,
James Sjoblom

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Thank you
Frank Bodiker

Vivian Stiver is business minded and will work within the legislation passed creating regulations which have statutory authority; fair to industry and fair to the public.

Emma Murphy

Dear Members,

I would like to voice my support for Vivian Stiver's appointment to the Marijuana Control Board. I know that Vivian is well educated about the marijuana industry and will listen fairly and objectively to everyone. I know that she strongly believes that the public needs to be educated about the industry to generate confidence in our communities and alleviate the tension with those who are skeptical about the marijuana industry.

I recommend the approval of Vivian Stiver to sit on the Marijuana Control Board.

Respectfully,

Ryan Gray

Fairbanks

I recommend Vivian Stiver's approval to sit on The Marijuana Control Board.

William Leight

I have know Vivian Stiver for years. She is an honorable member of our community, a person of integrity and dedication.

Vivian is a business owner and understands well that side of the equation. She will be able to be fair to both sides.

I am glad that our Governor nominated Vivian Stiver to this board. Please approve her.

Respectfully,

Douglas B. Duffett
113 Craig Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Vivian Stiver is a kind generous woman who will be an asset for the people of Fairbanks as she works on The House Labor and Commerce Committee. Not only Fairbanks, but the State of Alaska, will benefit by her sound decisions on everything that comes before the Committee.

Sincerely,

Edwin E. Jones

Vivian is a very fair minded person that can be trusted to do right for marijuana industry as well as the individuals from every side. Vivian is a good listener and is business minded and will be good and fair to all. Please confirm her to the board.

Respectfully,
John F Delain

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Thank you,

Sathese Bosco

Members,

I strongly support Ms Vivian Stiver for the Marijuana Control Board. She is well educated about the marijuana industry and continues to educate Her self by reaching out to the industry;

meeting with those willing to talk with Her. Vivian Stiver is has a strong business mind and will work within the legislation passed creating regulations which have statutory authority; that would be fair to the industry and fair to the public. Marijuana is league, Vivian Stiver can in no way change that nor does She desire to do so. Recently there was a beef about a industry shop advertising on a Fairbanks North Star Borough Bus and in the end they removed the advertisement off the outside of the Borough Bus. I happen to know that Vivian Stiver was actually in favor of allowing the industry to advertise on the buses because it is league. There's been a lot of tall tails said about Vivian Stiver lately. But' Vivian is Fair and She has always acted with the Law. If the Industry truly wants to keep Marijuana League Vivian Stiver would be the best representative Alaska could have on the Marijuana Board.

Thank You to all of the Members of this Committee for your time and effort in this matter.

Tim Byrnes
Fairbanks, Alaska

Members,

I am writing this letter in support of Vivian Stiver's appointment to the Marijuana Control Board. It is my understanding in listening to testimony that many in the "business" of marijuana commerce do not support her appointment because she opposed the state initiative. Even though the initiative passed there were many that did not vote in favor. Should those in opposition not have at least one voice on the Board? It has been my experience that better decisions are often made when all sides are represented.

I have known Ms. Stiver for many years, both as a friend and colleague. She is honest, fair and reasonable. All characteristics I would think any board would want. She most certainly understands that one must follow the law regardless of your personal feelings about that law. I highly encourage you to support Ms. Stiver's appointment and am certain you will not regret that support.

Regards,

Judy Eledge

Anchorage AK

Honorable Members:

You have an opportunity to support a hard working, fair and open-minded Alaskan to the Board by confirming Vivian Stiver.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Karen Gardner

I support Vivian. Please confirm.
Phyllis Skurla

As a student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and as a member of the Student Government on campus (ASUAF), I have discovered the importance of diversity. Diversity ensures that every idea and philosophy is held accountable. If the Marijuana Control Board is full of adamant Marijuana supporters, a dangerous bias will exist on the committee. Having someone who does not support the legalization of Marijuana, will add accountability to the board. As a member of the student government I saw that when we had to compromise to come to a decision it made every decision much more thought out. Even bills that I had written greatly benefited from the decenters. Vivian Stiver will add a very important piece to the board and the board will not be complete without her.

Thank you,
Daniel Dougherty

Please confirm Vivian for a seat on the Marijuana Control Board. She will be an informed balance to a board filled with biased marijuana shop owners and other board members with their pro-recreational marijuana use mindsets.

She will be much more open and fair minded than her opponents on the board and elsewhere who have attacked and berated her.

And she will be a much needed voice for those of us who have serious concerns about the use of marijuana as it relates to health and safety.

Sincerely,
Dennis Dougherty

I would like to ask that Vivian Stiver be ALLOWED onto the marijuana control board. She's a fine lady and would prove to be a voice for the people. Thank you for your time.

LeAnn Ramirez, Fairbanks

I would like to ask that Vivian Stiver be ALLOWED onto the marijuana control board. I believe she would be a balanced voice for Alaska. Thank you for your time.

Michael Ramirez, Fairbanks