

March 23, 2021



The Honorable Representative Rasmussen
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capital Building, Room 418
Juneau, Alaska 99801
via email: Representative.Sara.Rasmussen@akleg.gov

Re: Statement of Support – House Joint Resolution 14

Dear Representative Rasmussen:

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association (AMIA) is pleased to state its support for HJR 14 “A resolution supporting the passage by the United States Congress of the SAFE Banking Act of 2019, sec. 110606 of the Heroes Act, or similar legislation relating to cannabis-related legitimate businesses' access to financial services.”

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association is fully supportive of the adoption of this resolution.

We are grateful to you Representative Rasmussen, and to Representative Kreiss-Tompkins, for your attention to this matter. We consider access to banking services as paramount to providing safety measures for Alaskans working in the cannabis industry and the public our industry serves. Also, access to banking will go a long way in providing fair business opportunities for our industry.

The SAFE Banking Act is a measure that the AMIA has worked hard to support. We have participated along with national partners in multiple visits to Congress to work with federal officials as they successfully moved this bill through the US House. We will continue our efforts with the 117th United States Congress and Senate and would appreciate being able to walk into our 2021 meetings with HJR14 in hand.

We also recognize the steadfast participation of Congressman Don Young on the Congressional Cannabis Caucus and would be pleased to see the Alaska State Legislature recognize his efforts by passage of this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted on behalf of the AMIA Board,

Lacy Wilcox, President
Alaska Marijuana Industry Association

Cc: Representative Kreiss-Tompkins
(via email: Representative.Jonathan.Kreiss-Tompkins@akleg.gov)

AMIA Mission Statement

We promote and advocate for a vibrant and reasonably regulated Alaska-based marijuana industry.

The AMIA serves to strengthen and enhance a network of connected, independent, informed, regionally and community directed Alaska Marijuana organizations.