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To: Honorable Representative Jesse Sumner

Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee

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From: Fernando Marrero

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Re: Support for HB 119

An Act relating to marijuana taxes; and providing for an effective date.

Chair Sumner and distinguished members of the House Labor and Commerce Committee,

I strongly urge your support of HB 119. This is a responsible change in tax policy that will benefit all Alaskans and ensure that our homegrown Alaskan industry is positioned to survive and thrive in the years to come.

The growers are getting killed with the taxes imposed on them. I have people close to me who own grows barely keeping their heads above water right now. Even after years of cultivation they are still hurting financially, and it has everything to do with the tax structure as it stands. This tax change will help industry by making marijuana, the tip of the spear of the industry, cheaper for everyone and help the grows make and save some money for themselves and their families. This tax bill will improve the quality of life for the owners and their employees. When grows can make money they can also pay their employees a higher wage and improve the life of thousands of people across Alaska.

Salutation,

Fernando Marrero

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