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The Honorable Bill Stoltze
Senate State Affairs Chair
State Capitol, Rm. 125
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Marijuana Establishment Public Notice

Dear Senator Stoltze,

At the March 10, 2015 hearing on SB 62, you asked for the administration's thoughts on publically noticing where marijuana establishments were operating. There is no provision in Ballot Measure #2, An Act to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of Marijuana which speaks directly to this issue. However, it is anticipated that marijuana establishments, which are provided for in SB 62, would be subject to licensing requirements that are similar to those required for alcohol establishments.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board takes public involvement in license applications very seriously and the statutes relating to alcohol provide for rigorous public notice requirements before an alcohol establishment license can be issued. These requirements may include posting the license application at the proposed licensed premises, publication in newspapers, and notice to community council's and nonprofit organizations. The statutory citation for public notice for alcohol businesses is AS 04.11.310.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. Franklin".

Cynthia Franklin
Director

cc: The Honorable Chris Hladick, Commissioner, Department of Commerce,
Community, and Economic Development
Darwin Peterson, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor