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Representative Cathy Tilton, Chair
House Community and Regional Affairs Committee
State Capitol, Room 411
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Tilton:

On behalf of the City and Borough of Juneau Borough Assembly, I wish to extend our support of CSHB 75(JUD)am.

This bill contains many important provisions that will assist the municipalities in our efforts to responsibly regulate the new marijuana industry moving forward. It importantly:

1. Defines "assisting."
2. Addresses the "Administrative Procedure Act" issue from the initiative, allowing those municipalities that have an appeal process in place to utilize it.
3. Allows municipalities to impose criminal sanctions – in addition to civil sanctions – for time, place, and manner code violations, just as municipalities may do with respect to alcohol regulations.
4. Creates a registration protest process for the municipalities, again, very much like the process contained in Title 04.
5. It expands upon the types of "marijuana establishments" requiring a registration to operate to include marijuana clubs.

As you know, some of the task of regulating this new industry falls (appropriately) on the municipalities. We appreciate your efforts to provide municipalities with the tools necessary to do so effectively and reasonably.

Thank you for moving this legislation forward, and for affirmatively including us in the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Merrill Sanford". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Merrill Sanford
Mayor

cc: Senator Dennis Egan
Representative Cathy Muñoz
Representative Sam Kito III
Borough Assembly
Kevin Jardell, CBJ Lobbyist