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Subject: House Bill 123

Hello my name is Frank Berardi, I am the chairman of the board for the Coalition for Responsible Cannabis Legislation. I am writing in support of House Bill 123. Many of the Senators are concerned about the cost of implementing the Marijuana Control Board, because of the cost of doing so. I am writing to remind our legislature that if the money is properly spent it will result in millions of dollars in revenue for the state. If we do not implement the regulatory aspects of Ballot Measure two correctly then we stand to lose out financially. The first step in implementing the regulatory aspects correctly is to establish an autonomous marijuana control board housed under the same framework as the alcohol control board. The citizens want this industry to be regulated in a fair manner. Putting the alcohol industry in charge of our industry because it is cheap is not the right solution.

Thank You,

Frank Berardi