

# MIDNIGHT GREENERY

To: Honorable Governor Bill Walker

From: Sara Williams, CEO

Date: April 13, 2015

Re: Support for HB 123

Governor Walker,

I would like to express my full support for HB123- Bill to create a dedicated Marijuana Control Board (MCB).

Currently, as Midnight Greenery establishes its branding position as a professional and ethical leader in the cannabis based businesses, I believe that it is essential that the MCB is created separate of the ABC Board. While the intent of Ballot Measure 2 was to regulate marijuana like alcohol, in the end, it is a separate product with separate regulatory needs covering everything from medicinal use to varying licenses.

In order to treat this new product and new industry fairly there needs to be a dedicated Board that is specialized in the topics and regulatory environment of this new industry. I fear that if a separate board is not created then the specifics related to appropriately regulating marijuana in this industry may be overlooked due to an overworked ABC Board.

House Bill 123 sufficiently creates a balance between implementing the budget by sharing resources and the mission of Ballot Measure 2 which then establishes a board that will meet the timeframes outlined by the initiative.

Initial funding for the Marijuana Control Board can be seen as an investment into the future industry and creating regulations that funnel tax and fee revenue back to the state and continue to pay for the management of the MCB.

Thank you for all of the hard work that the administration and the legislature has implemented to execute this voter driven initiative and please advise if I can be of any further assistance in this rulemaking process.

Best Regards,

Sara Williams, CEO



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