



The Honorable Senator Begich
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 11
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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via email: Senator.Tom.Begich@akleg.gov

Re: Statement of Support – Statement of Support for SB8

Dear Senator Begich:

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association (AMIA) is pleased to state its support for SB 8 *“An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; amending Rule 37.6, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date.”*.

The AMIA is fully supportive of the language you have put forward and hopes it is adopted by the full Legislature.

Under SB 8, Alaskans with prior convictions for conduct that would be legal today will have a better chance of securing housing, employment, and educational opportunities.

The AMIA understands that this bill only makes these offenses confidential and does not technically expunge or provide an avenue to expunge. We believe this is a step in the right direction.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the AMIA Board,

Lacy Wilcox, President
Alaska Marijuana Industry Association

AMIA Mission Statement

We promote and advocate for a vibrant and reasonably regulated Alaska-based marijuana industry.

The AMIA serves to strengthen and enhance a network of connected, independent, informed, regionally and community directed Alaska Marijuana organizations.