



The Honorable Senator Click Bishop
Chair, Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
State Capital Building, Room 121
Juneau, Alaska 99801

February 25, 2020

via email: Senator.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov & Senate.Labor.&.Commerce@akleg.gov

Re: Statement of Support - Confirmation of Bruce Schulte to the Marijuana Control Board

Dear Senator Bishop and (S)L&C Committee Members:

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association (AMIA) is pleased to state its support for Mr. Bruce Schulte as the Governor's appointee to the Public/Industry Seat on the Marijuana Control Board.

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association is very familiar with Mr. Schulte as he was one of the founders of our association. He was also an original appointee to the Marijuana Control Board and is well equipped to see our industry into the future.

We have always appreciated his focus and attention to detail and are grateful to him for his contributions. We are currently very impressed at his insight when it comes to deciphering what makes sense from a commerce and business perspective while being a true steward of smart rules to protect health and safety.

It is an easy decision by our Board of Directors to support his confirmation without hesitation.

We could certainly provide more examples of his character from our perspective upon request.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the AMIA Board,

Lacy Wilcox, President
Alaska Marijuana Industry Association

c: Gina Ritacco, Director, Governor's Boards and Commissions Office
(via email: gina.ritacco@alaska.gov)

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.



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**To: Honorable Senator Bishop
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Via electronic mail

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cc: Gina Ritacco, Director of Boards & Commissions
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Re: Support for Bruce Schulte To Remain on Alaska Marijuana Control Board

Dear: Honorable Members of the Alaska Legislature,

I write to you today in support of the appointment of Mr. Bruce Schulte to the Marijuana Control Board.

Mr. Schulte has been involved in the responsible legislation of the Alaska marijuana commercial industry since its inception. As a result, Mr. Schulte has been deeply involved in the drafting and crafting of the current legal framework which underpins the current legal marijuana industry. This industry has yielded nearly \$40 million in tax income for the State of Alaska since the legalization of marijuana in 2014. Mr. Schulte, who is not a marijuana licensee, has and continues to contribute countless volunteer hours to creating a fair and balanced industry, without any personal gain.

Further, Mr. Schulte cares about and is active in his local community. He has lived in Anchorage for many years, owns property in the community, runs businesses, and contributes to the success and growth of his home state. This is further evidenced by the uncompensated investment that he has made in the legal marijuana industry to help citizens of the State safely access regulated and quality-controlled marijuana and marijuana products.

The citizens of the State of Alaska also appreciate the work that Mr. Schulte does. The removal of Mr. Schulte from the Alaska Marijuana Control Board would be a massive loss of institutional knowledge (Mr. Schulte was a member of the Marijuana Control Board when the Control Board was first formed). Continuity is necessary for the continued success of the legal Alaska marijuana industry. As the Board composition morphs and changes over time, it's vital that we have a strong institutional backbone to build smart, fair, regulation that protects the health and

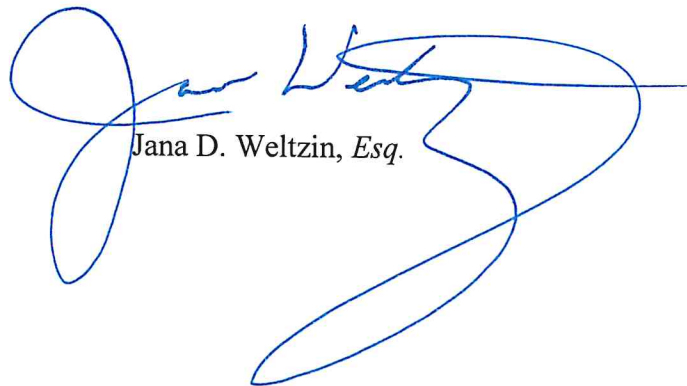


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safety of our fellow community members. The citizens of the State of Alaska need to be protected by a robust Board.

I unequivocally support the appointment of Mr. Schulte. I believe the Governor absolutely picked the right person for the job and I very much hope this Legislature supports Mr. Schulte's appointment. Thank you for your commitment to our Alaskan community. I very much appreciate you and your staff taking the time to read and consider this communication. I can be reached by phone at (907) 231-3750, or by email at jana@jdwcounsel.com.

Truly and Sincerely Yours,



Jana D. Weltzin, Esq.