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Dear Governor Dunleavy & Ms. Ritacco:

I am writing to express my interest in being re-appointed to the "Industry" designated seat on the Marijuana Control Board. I qualify for that definition as an active license holder (multiple) and am in good business standing with my local and state regulars and tax authorities. I am willing and ready to go through the confirmation process and have many very good relationships with legislators and will garner positive industry support.

I believe I am the ideal candidate for appointment to the Marijuana Control board because I bring together three important skill sets and constituencies. I represent the industry, but at the same time I have worked diligently to ensure the voice of concerned communities is being heard, and I also have decades of government/community relations experience. I will bring a steady and reasonable voice to the process.

I also have extensive experience working through the public process at all levels. I have countless hours presenting projects to tribal/community councils, planning/zoning commissions, and city assemblies through my work at GCI. My work has given me the opportunity to travel throughout the State of Alaska; I have traveled as far North as Barrow, South to Metlakatla and through-out the Western villages. I believe this gives me a unique perspective to understand the opportunities and challenges we have in regulating this industry.

Over the last four years I have used the experience I have gained over the last 20 years to provide meaningful input at the Marijuana Control Board Meetings on the Regulations. At the local level I have been very active in the public process providing oral and written comment in Anchorage and the Matsu Borough as they continue to adjust local regulations. When requested, I attend public and community council meetings to present information on and examples of what legal cannabis business might look like in the community. I also founded the Anchorage Cannabis Business Association whose members are licensed or are in the process of filing for State and local licensing to open businesses. I am also an industry elected board member with the Alaska Marijuana Industry Association. The goal of these association is to provide two-way communication between industry participants and local municipal government, elected officials, and council organizations by:

- Supporting responsible cannabis business practices;
- Educating Alaskans about cannabis and its growing industry;
- Promoting understanding of the current Alaska statutes concerning cannabis;
- Identifying potential industry impacts to communities and recommend mitigation strategies;

I believe that my ability to communicate and work with diverse groups will be an asset to the MCB and Industry. I will work to promote honest and respectful communications between the board, public, staff and industry. My goal is to help shape regulations that will allow Cannabis Businesses to operate and provide the public with the confidence that public safety has been addressed at all levels.

Sincerely,



Nick Miller