June 28, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins
Senate President Pro Tempore
State of California
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
Speaker of the Assembly
State of California
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Dear Pro Tempore Atkins and Speaker Rendon:

On behalf of California's leading cannabis trade organizations representing cultivators, manufacturers, processors, distributors, laboratories, retailers, consumers and patients across California's regulated cannabis supply chain, we write today in support of AB/SB 195 Cannabis Trailer Bill. While our work is not done, we applaud the legislature on this tremendous effort to help stabilize the struggling legal market in order to help protect the health, prosperity, and safety of all Californians.

We have identified several issues that need to be addressed through clean-up legislation or regulatory implementation which we will provide over the coming weeks.

It has been well documented that the regulated industry in California has been struggling to compete with an ever-growing unregulated market. Extremely high taxes, overly burdensome regulations, excessive barriers to entry and lack of retail access have stunted the realization of Proposition 64, which was passed by a majority of voters in 2016.

The legislature and the Governor's office recognize that the health and stability of the regulated cannabis market benefits all of us by preventing youth access at retailers (verification of ID), ensuring the existence of rigorously tested cannabis products, allocation of tax revenue to environmental and youth prevention groups, and by creating tens of thousands of jobs across the state. California is better because of regulated cannabis, and regulated cannabis must be protected.

Sincerely,

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