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This has presented a host of challenges. Perhaps the most obvious being that we are unable, based upon current Statute, to have our material processed into products such as infused prerolls, cartridges or the like and bring them back into our facility to wholesale to our customer base. We are forced to pick up orders one at a time from our manufacturing partners, which places additional cost and administrative burdens on us. The inability to transfer back to a Cultivation Facility from a Manufacturing Facility is an unnecessary gate that needs to be removed for operators like us who do not wish to Manufacture or operate Retail ourselves.

Meanwhile the industry already is grappling with onerous administrative and regulatory burden that we do not feel is making anyone safer. In fact, these burdens are pushing more and more businesses either out of the market, or into other markets – medical or otherwise.

LD1820 is a much-needed reform to streamline the administrative and regulatory burdens so that we can operate efficiently and effectively like other industries can. This isn't a matter of "not being as profitable as we'd hoped". It's a matter of being profitable, period. Please help the small businesses of our industry survive by passing LD1820. All of the operators that I interact with are responsible actors with sound business acumen that are not coming at any of these reforms from a place of anything other than logic and fairness as it relates to putting cannabis on a similar footing to industries similar to ours.

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