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LD 1820

Greetings Senator Hickman, Chair Supica and the honorable joint standing committee on legal affairs.

I am writing favor of LD 1820. I think it's time to take the training wheels off after almost 10 years of overly cautious legislation. The sky hasn't fallen, the state has made hundreds of millions off of the program while treating many stakeholders like juveniles on probation.

Well, I think this industry has proven that it does not need the level of oppression that currently exists within the oversight of the program. Nobody needs a background check to sell liquor which causes 7 known types of cancer in addition to causing a huge number of deaths due to car accidents, other accidents, violence, alcohol poisoning etc.

So after all this time with virtually no issues I think it's time to let the leash out a little bit. These operators have been put through hell, given up their constitutional and common law rights in order to get an IIC card and then most failed because of the insane excise tax and ever growing over regulation. Those that are still standing deserve nothing less than a bit more trust and a bit less regulation.

Please support this sensible Bill, we cannot keep making it harder and more expensive to operate for either program. The result will be a proliferation of illicit products entering the market. The opposite of what any regulator wants. People have been getting cannabis illicitly for a hundred years, they will go back if that becomes easier/cheaper.

I know that loosening regulations seems counterintuitive regarding safety but we must consider the consequences of forever tightening them.

Sincerely,  
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