

Submitter: Shawn Gibson
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4016

I am writing this letter as a constituent in your district. I work in a small cannabis farm, and they would be negatively impacted by the retroactive licensing moratorium in HB 4016. I strongly feel that the language in this bill was drafted with only the interest of a few large operators in mind and prevents the building of an equitable industry. While I understand the public safety need in regard to restricting producer licenses, there is no such concern with the other license types. Placing a moratorium on the other license types is solely for large corporations to attempt to control the market, making existing licenses more valuable and will ultimately make it prohibitively expensive for smaller operators to grow since the only way to do so, if this bill passes. It will make it harder for my employer to keep me employed. This will also make it harder for me to purchase cannabis at a reasonable price. Additionally, there has been no notice that there could be a moratorium on all license types and that this would be applied retroactively. It is inherently unfair to apply this moratorium retroactively and hurts the smallest operators the hardest as they cannot absorb this kind of economic loss.

We respectfully request that this language regarding license types other than producers be removed from the bill. In the alternative, we are asking that the retroactive clause be removed from the bill.

Thank you for your attention.