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TESTIMONY REGARDING SB 326A
HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Chair Knopf, Vice Chairs and Committee Members:

Please consider this submission in addition to the oral testimony I provided this morning.

My two requested amendments both concern Section 10 of the SB326, regarding the definition of a 'Commercial Marijuana Offense'.

The first request is that the statute itself be updated. This was accomplished in Section 15 of SB353, however, that bill is in Ways and Means and I am concerned about it continuing to move forward. Those amendments are not controversial and were arrived at through a compromise with law enforcement.

The second request is that simple commercial marijuana offense convictions (not aggravated by subsection (5) or subsection (6) (concerning the reckless or knowing addition of aggravating factors) be treated as a crime severity level 5 instead of a crime severity level 8. These additional factors do not exist unless the 'commercial marijuana offense' proof also exists so it makes sense that their absence should have less serious consequences. The failure to request this modification in the Senate (in either this bill or SB353) was an oversight on my part.

Thank you again for your thoughtful consideration of these requests.

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