STATE OF MARYLAND
DHMH NATALIE M. LAPRADE
MARYLAND MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

August 22, 2016

The Honorable Larry Hogan
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President, Maryland Senate
State House
100 State Circle, Room H-107
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates
State House
100 State Circle, Room H-101
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Report to the Governor and General Assembly on Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission: Programs Approved to Operate and Physicians Certified Pursuant To Health General Article §13-3305

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller and Speaker Busch:

The Health General Article §13-3305 requires that the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission ("Commission") submit a report in accordance with §2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before January 1, of each year on:

(1) Programs approved to operate under this subtitle; and
(2) Physicians certified under this subtitle.

The medical cannabis program is not fully operationalized. No licenses have been awarded to date. The regulations have been promulgated and became effective September 14, 2015. The Commission received 1,081 applications for medical cannabis Grower, Processor and Dispensary licenses, which are currently undergoing review. The Commission awarded license pre-approvals on August 15, 2016 for Growers and Processors, with pre-approval licenses for

Dispensaries to follow later this year. The Physician Registry has been activated and there are 170 Maryland physicians registered as of this writing

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Jameson
Executive Director
Maryland Medical Cannabis
Commission

cc: The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
The Honorable Peter A. Hammen
Sarah Albert
Margaret Blasi