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April 8, 2019

Representative Tom Stevens, Chair
House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs

Dear Tom:

As you know, the House Committee on Government Operations is currently considering S.54, An act relating to the regulation of cannabis. Although the bill is primarily focused on establishing a new government agency to regulate cannabis and the implementation of the new regulatory structure, there are provisions within the bill that loosely follow the model for local control of alcoholic beverages. We would appreciate it if the Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs could review the provisions of the bill dealing with a municipality's authority to opt-in/opt-out of allowing a cannabis establishment to operate within its jurisdiction and the creation and operation of a local licensing commission and send us your thoughts and any recommendations for consideration in our work.

Our committee intends to begin marking up the bill on Tuesday, April 16 and respectfully requests that you forward your comments to us by that time. Thank you for your consideration of these issues, and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Sarah Copeland-Hanzas
House Committee on Government Operations