

**From:** Richard Sears [RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2016 7:23 PM  
**To:** Pepper, James  
**Subject:** Fwd: connecting you to VT State Senator Dick Sears

Sen. Dick Sears  
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North Bennington, VT 05257  
Chair Senate Judiciary Committee  
Appropriations Committee  
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Richard Sears <[RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us)>  
**Date:** January 8, 2016 at 7:21:54 PM EST  
**To:** "Frost, Gretchen D (LCB)" <[gretchen.frost@lcb.wa.gov](mailto:gretchen.frost@lcb.wa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "[james.pepper@vermnt.gov](mailto:james.pepper@vermnt.gov)" <[james.pepper@vermnt.gov](mailto:james.pepper@vermnt.gov)>, "Faker, Lisa (LCB)" <[lisa.faker@lcb.wa.gov](mailto:lisa.faker@lcb.wa.gov)>, Michele Childs <[MCHILDS@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:MCHILDS@leg.state.vt.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: connecting you to VT State Senator Dick Sears

Gretchen,  
Thanks so much, Wednesday January 13th @ 11:00 AM PST (2PM EST) works best for me. I'm hopeful that Michele Childs Legislative Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee will also be able to join us. Can you please provide us with a number to call.  
Thanks,  
Dick

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On Jan 8, 2016, at 2:34 PM, Frost, Gretchen D (LCB)  
<[gretchen.frost@lcb.wa.gov](mailto:gretchen.frost@lcb.wa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Senator Sears and Mr. Pepper,

Per Lisa's email I wanted to provide you both with a few date and time options (please see below) that staff at the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board would be available for a conference call. Please let me know at your earliest convenience which day and time work for you both.

Wednesday, January 13th 11 am Pacific Standard Time

Friday, January 15th at 1 pm Pacific Standard Time

Thank you,

Gretchen Frost

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-----Original Message-----

From: Faker, Lisa (LCB)

Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 7:29 AM

To: Richard Sears; [james.pepper@vermnt.gov](mailto:james.pepper@vermnt.gov)

Cc: Frost, Gretchen D (LCB)

Subject: RE: connecting you to VT State Senator Dick Sears

Good morning Senator Sears,

Russ asked our directors office to contact you and arrange a conference call with the appropriate staff from Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to assist you. Gretchen Frost the Executive Assistant to Director Garza will be contacting James to schedule a time for next week.

Lisa

Lisa Faker  
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Original Message-----

From: Richard Sears [<mailto:RSEARS@leg.state.vt.us>]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 4:06 PM  
To: Russ Hauge <[russhaug@gmail.com](mailto:russhaug@gmail.com)>; Michael Thompson <[mthompson@csg.org](mailto:mthompson@csg.org)>  
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Russ,

Thanks so much for the offer to provide assistance. Our session just began and I'm working with the administration to come up with some first steps. James Pepper copied here is the Governors point person, we were hoping to have an opportunity to speak with next week. Other than Monday I think we can be available any day next week in the afternoon. Please let us know if there are any days and times that work for you and which would be best.

Thanks and looking forward to speaking with you.

Dick,

Dick Sears, State Senator Bennington County & Wilmington  
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From: Russ Hauge <[russhauge@gmail.com](mailto:russhauge@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 11:18:49 AM

To: Michael Thompson

Cc: Richard Sears; Marshall Clement; Faker, Lisa (LCB); Hauge, Russell D (LCB)

Subject: Re: connecting you to VT State Senator Dick Sears

I would be happy to talk with Senator Sears at any point. Senator, you can reach me at this email address or through my position on the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB), [russell.hauge@lcb.wa.gov](mailto:russell.hauge@lcb.wa.gov)<<mailto:russell.hauge@lcb.wa.gov>> . I look forward to talking with you.

At a recent meeting of the American Prosecutors Association, I spent some time talking with D.A. T.J. Donovan from Burlington. I will extend to you the same invitation I offered to him. At the LCB we consider sharing what we have learned as part of our job. We often host delegations from other states and countries. We would be very happy to have you and other representatives from Vermont come to Washington. We will spend some time on our system and experiences and take you on a tour of regulated production, processing, and retail facilities.

In the meantime, if you would like to talk more generally, please call me at 360 664 1713 or 360 710 2688. I look forward to hearing from you.

Russ Hauge

On Mon, Dec 21, 2015 at 5:40 PM, Michael Thompson <[mthompson@csg.org](mailto:mthompson@csg.org)<<mailto:mthompson@csg.org>>> wrote:

Russ:

Sen. Sears is the chair of the Judiciary Committee in VT. He is one of the longest serving Jud Committee chairmen in the US, and he is extremely well respected across the state, in law enforcement circles, and among judges and the defense bar alike, because he is a straight-shooter, practical, and committed to doing whatever he can to make the criminal justice system stronger. Needless to say, we are thrilled to have him on our board of directors.

In catching up with Sen. Sears today, he told me about the countless hours he has had to spend listening to one proposal after another about changing the state's marijuana laws. He recognizes that there is an expectation that the legislature take action this upcoming session, but he is appropriately cautious about charging ahead in any particular direction without better understanding the implications of the proposed changes. I told him about your vantage point in Washington, as both a career prosecutor and now as a member of the board charged with setting policy that regulates the industry that WA voters recently decided to legalize.

Sen. Sears would love to connect with you at some point. He's cc'd here, so he can follow up directly with you.

Thanks!

Mike

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