

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission
Public In-Writing Comments
Public Meeting: October 27th, 2022

Sender	Date	Comment/Question
Robbin Gulino	7/28/22	<p>I tried to submit comments for the 9/22 meeting, but, that choice is missing from the drop down list.</p> <p>Good Day,</p> <p>I forwarded a letter to the Attorney General asking why NJ has not gotten on board with the children's safety campaign addressed to Congress. The letter is signed by 23 State Attorney's General. As you can see in the email below, I was told to direct my inquiry to your Board. I emailed the letter to you AND I REGISTERED to be a speaker at the 7/28/22 meeting. While I waited through the entire meeting, I was not called upon. I raised my hand on the Zoom call to alert you to the fact that I was still waiting and you closed the meeting without allowing my comments for which I registered.</p> <p>Kindly address these important issues before you move further into distributing licenses. We should be careful to avoid the public health pitfalls that other states have experienced.</p> <p>You can read more about safety concerns addressed here in the editorial written by Robert Detore, CEO of Turning Point, NJ. (https://www.northjersey.com/story/opinion/2022/07/23/nj-legal-weed-lawmakers-need-to-be-ready-to-react/65379928007/)</p> <p>As you will see in letter I emailed, there have been numerous occasions where children have been hospitalized after consuming edibles clearly packaged to look like groceries that children are attracted to and often enjoy in their homes. On two separate occasions I sent you warning labels that Canada is using to properly educate their public.</p> <p>As you may know, the NJ Division of Alcohol and Beverage Control requires licensed establishments to display a warning poster regarding the dangers of drinking during pregnancy. I respectfully recommend that NJ make safety a priority by creating and distributing responsible warning labels for distribution and prominent display at all licensed establishments.</p> <p>While waiting for my turn to speak during the 7/28/22 public portion, I heard Lorenzo Richardson mention the value of keeping the newly licensed establishments on highways and locations away from children so not to normalize substance use. This was also a very valid request which I hope the state will consider.</p> <p>Personally requested by: Robbin Gulino, 862-686-3112 rgulino@callisg.com</p>

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Robert Wilder Sampson	9/9/22	<p>Good Afternoon Commissioners, My apologies, I was signed up to speak today. However, my email that was used to sign up was under “wilder” and not my first name “Robert Sampson”. I am one the owners of Mule Extracts, we are a manufacturing cannabis company. We currently have a successful business in the beautiful state of Oregon and we are now hoping to expand here in New Jersey...my home state! With prior experience in this industry, we are ready to begin production and most importantly bring jobs to the local community. We are a family owned operation.</p>

		<p>We value economic Justice and diversity, as well as bringing jobs into the Hamilton community that can help create financial stability, health insurance and a positive environment to be part of. We take compliancy and safety very seriously and are well versed in creating a standard of safety for both consumers, as well as our employees. Quality control is a top priority.</p> <p>We are currently seeking a manufacturing license, we submitted our application on January 12th of this year. We have received support from both the municipality, as well as the Hamilton Township Council.</p> <p>We are leasing a building in Hamilton, our local community is in a disadvantaged area. We are ready to begin serving our community, however are unsure of where we stand in regards to the license.</p> <p>The lease agreement gives us until the month of January to decide whether to extend for five years or break the lease. We would really like to have this opportunity, and be part of this new adventure for my home state.</p> <p>Lastly, can anyone inform us on where we stand and how long we might have to wait or if there is anything we can or should be doing?</p> <p>Thank you so much for your time, Robert "Wilder" Sampson 908-601-5250</p>
Gregory R. Murphy	9/18/22	<p>As a disabled Vietnam Vet, why change the login and ask for a ref number, from my doctor? I have held a valid card for over 3yrs, and can't log in! Doctors have more important issues, why add more questions? It is legal!</p>
Delilah Scott	10/3/22	<p>Hello, my name is Delilah Scott, and I own Outwater Healers LLC. We have been patiently waiting for the opportunity to begin business as a retail marijuana safe space for the citizens of New Jersey, and surrounding areas. To be a pivotal part of the communities with the mission of "weed with a purpose". We and many of our supporters would like to see Outwater Healers grow in the state of New Jersey, by continuing to represent underrepresented communities, enabling us to positively affect not only marijuana business, but the people. we do this through educational resources, workshops, career mentoring, spiritual services, and so much more! We want you to know that we are ready, when you tell us go, we will have the support of many! We are patient, and praying to be chosen, as a safe space, one of the first to exist like us, taking the lead in what this medicine can be and become for our communities.</p>
Erik	10/5/22	<p>A recreational person can buy 6 Ounces per day. Why is it a medical patient only allowed to buy 3 Ounces per month? What's the point in becoming a patient with an allotment if without being a patient gives me a better option.</p>

Dr. Brooke A. Sherman	10/12/22	<p>I would like to discuss the systemic flaws in the protections already in place of the well-being of medicinal cannabis patients, which need bolstering and much more careful consideration, as well as the obvious lack of adequate oversight and enforcement of protections already in place, and, the persistent lack of physical access MMP patients still have, after the state has had years to address that issue, which persists, in part, due to dispensary location restrictions (partially due to allowances for "opt-outs" by local municipalities, but seemingly due to other issues as well), the incredibly high cost for something that grows readily from the earth that persists as well (no believable excuse for that, since costs are drastically lower elsewhere in the country), the lack of variety in payment methods being offered to MMP patients (who are suffering and this is an integral part of their healthcare; this needs to be taken more seriously), a payment method problem which also restricts access for patients even further, and how we as a state can go about addressing all of these issues going forward, thereby protecting patients and making sure they have what they need for treatment of their health issues.</p>
JUSTIN	10/15/22	<p>Have there been discussions to limit the number of class 1 cultivators permanently?</p> <p>With zero current cultivation micro businesses licensed and the desire for the CRC to promote locally owned small businesses in NJ, will the CRC be extending the limit for class 1 cultivators of 37 to allow the micro an opportunity to market?</p>
judith F. Despommier	10/22/22	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>.I am writing again and imploring you not to approve the cultivating and manufacturing license for ELEVENELEVEN Wellness company (application #1102 and 1034) located at S. Washington Ave in Bergenfield, Nj.</p> <p>Bergenfield is a busy residential congested town. It has less than 3 square miles in which 27,000 residents live. The proposed site of the old Sears building is smack dab between a pancake house and a music store frequented by families with young children. It is also close to houses of worship, a strip mall, a senior housing complex, a government facility, the Armory, where a soccer camp is held each year. The fumes from this proposed site will negatively affect the air pollution and i really don't think you want to expose youngsters and adults with breathing issues to the noxious fumes emanating for the proposed facility. There is also concern that the facility will bring increased crime to the area. I have become aware both the Bergenfield Board of Health and the Munciple Alliance Committee were not consulted for their views or opinions on the proposed facility. They are involved in monitoring drug and substance abused issues. Therefore, I am again imploring you not to approve the license for ELEVENELEVEN WELLNESS Company. Thank you for hearing my concerns.</p>

<p>Christine Laura Denning</p>	<p>10/23/22</p>	<p>October 23, 2022</p> <p>Dear Cannabis Commission:</p> <p>ELEVENELEVEN, LLC has applied for license # 1102 and 1034 “cultivation and manufacturing of marijuana” to operate a marijuana farm and production facility in a vacant building located on the main business artery, Washington Avenue, of Bergenfield, NJ. Would you please review the following information prior to making this important license decision? Bergenfield measures 2.7 sq. miles and contains a population of 27,000 people. It has seven schools filled with school-aged children. This town is home to many people of modest means. And many hundreds of them live in Bergenfield’s largest garden apartment complexes located behind the Foster Village Shopping Center, which is across the street from the proposed marijuana cultivation and production site. Additionally, the proposed facility site is four blocks from Hoover Elementary School and the Bergenfield Senior Center, the residence of many of our senior citizens.</p> <p>The decision to have a marijuana farm and production facility is an important decision that should NOT be decided by a few town administrators who want to impose their desire on all Bergenfield taxpayers. Thus far, the actions of the Mayor, Borough Administrator and Council demonstrate that they are not accountable to communicate to interested town groups such as the Bergenfield Board of Health, Bergenfield Board of Education, Bergenfield Planning and Zoning teams, Bergenfield Fire Department, Bergenfield Clergy and Bergenfield taxpayers of their intentions.</p> <p>Citizens against Pot in Bergenfield is concerned for the wellbeing of everyone in our town. We believe that the correct, responsible question to ask Bergenfield taxpayers is: “Bergenfield property taxpayers, do you want a marijuana production facility in your town?”</p> <p>If a marijuana production facility is installed in our small town, it can be installed for life. In addition to emitting the unmistakable odor of marijuana in a small, congested town, release of toxins in the air resulting from chemicals used in the manufacturing process could be harmful to residents exposed. Those who suffer with respiratory problems could be particularly impacted.</p> <p>In consideration of the above facts, we respectfully ask you to NOT approve license #1102 and 1034 for ELEVENELEVEN, LLC to operate a cannabis farm and production facility in Bergenfield.</p> <p>Sincerely, Christine L. Denning 163 E. Johnson Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621 cc: Citizens Against Pot in Bergenfield</p>
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barry doll	10/23/22	<p>I request the Commission deny the license applications # 1102 and 1034 by ELEVENELEVEN LLC to operate a cultivation and manufacturing factory in Bergenfield NJ because :</p> <p>The application does not have appropriate review and approval by the Boro's Zoning and / or Planning Boards. . The letter included in the application by the Zoning Officer is not adequate and does not meet the requirement for Boro approval. Such approval needs to come from the Planning Board and / or ZONING board--not the Zoning Officer since the cultivation and manufacturing of marijuana in Bergenfield is not on Schedule A or B of approved businesses .</p> <p>Bergenfield is less than 3 sg. miles in area with over 27,000 residents. The proposed location for the factory poses a danger to residents who live in Foster Village--just across the street-especially elderly residents and those with health issues. The proposed location is close to schools --Hoover, elementary, Dibello Music and a dinner-the Brown Stone A Medical facility for children is located in Foster Village Several Houses of worship are in the neighborhood- Mercy Church, End of the World Church, Assembly of God a National Guard armory that holds a soccer field is located across the street the proposed factory is located in / next to a flood zone residents did not approve the construction of the Factory The Council did not confer with the Board of Health, Board of Education, Municipal Alliance for their views and approval of the Factor</p>
Stuart Ferguson	10/26/22	Will there be a safety sensors I've carve out for Marijuana usage
Tess Mullen	10/26/22	<p>I believe that farmers in the state of New Jersey have the right to grow cannabis outdoors. Industrialized, indoor growing operations are, in the long-run, harmful to the environment by relying heavily on fossil fuels to support the indoor growing conditions -- especially when compared to the potential benefits that growing cannabis in the soil can have. Cannabis plants have the capacity to pull heavy metals and other toxins from the soil and convert them into nutrients that the plant uses to then further sequester carbon from the atmosphere. New Jersey has an opportunity, right now, to give farmers in this state a leg up in the up and coming competitive market of cannabis growing. Farmers have the right to decide which crops they grow on their farms, and those that are willing to go through the necessary licensing and other processes need to have their voices heard.</p>
Kevin Babilonia	10/26/22	<p>I would like to start by saying a very sincere thank you for all of the efforts this cannabis regulatory commission has undertaken to stand up and safeguard the industry here in New Jersey. I'm here today to talk about the challenges many business owners, such as myself, are facing as they try to enter the market. As we continue to legitimize the cannabis industry, and work towards standing up a sustainable and lucrative ecosystem for business owners to</p>

thrive, I would like to highlight a number of challenges that business owners and conditional license holders are facing as they progress their business plans forward. As most already know, the state is facing a number of incremental hurdles, which are acting as barriers to entry for many deserving entrepreneurs. Given some of the restrictions over towns opting out, zoning restrictions, real estate availability, investment funding, and timeline misalignments between the state and local municipalities, Cannabis Conditional License holders are being severely hindered from establishing operations and progressing their plans forward despite their recent state approvals. Many businesses have spent several years planning and getting to this point, and are now running into incremental barriers to entry across the state due to these restrictions. While the industry is appreciative of all the efforts put forth by the NJ CRC since its inception, we are now asking for additional support to lower the barriers to entry and reduce some of the local municipal hurdles many of us are facing at this point in time. These include

Application Fees: Many towns and municipalities have implemented secondary application fees & processes which can cost upwards of \$15,000 dollars for the application alone. This leads to companies like the Skunk Father incurring additional legal and consulting fees on top of the 10K application fee. On average Conditional License holders going through these the local municipal application process are now spending an additional 20-30K on top of the state process to accommodate local municipality requirements. We would like to ask that the NJ CRC restrict the amount local municipalities can charge for secondary application fees to help alleviate these barriers.

- State vs Municipal Timelines:** Town timelines are not aligned with Conditional license winner's Conversion timelines, preventing them from using the allotted 145 day window provided by the CRC post approval to secure their real estate and funding. Many recently awarded Conditional license holders are now facing abbreviated timelines due to the local municipal requirements, restricting them from having the necessary time to secure adequate resources post Conditional Approval from the state. We would like to see the NJ CRC put forth a concerted effort to further align license holder announcements/timelines with those being established at the local municipal level.

- Municipal Approval before State Approval:** Many applicants are now seeing local municipalities approving cannabis businesses who have not been approved by the state. This is largely due to the lack of a formalized process between the state and townships. We would like to request that the NJ CRC perform a review of this process and establish a workflow that aligns with the state program, timelines, and operates in the best interest of those going through the state approval process first.

		<p>•Zoning Issues: Applicants are facing hurdles with towns that have now opted in for establishing a cannabis operations; however there are very little real estate options available to these applicants.</p> <p>On behalf of myself, my team, and the entire NJ Cannabis Community, I would like to thank you for your time and would ask that you strongly consider providing further guidance and restrictions to the local municipalities to avoid these incremental barriers to entry that we are facing in the industry.</p>
<p>Robert Wilder Sampson</p>	<p>10/27/22</p>	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am one of the owners of Mule Extracts. I wanted to comment that the City Council has been doing a great job getting the New Jersey cannabis market up and running. We are reaching out about our conditional license. We recently had our application reviewed by the CRC and were informed we needed to update our licenses on the application. The corrections to our licenses have been updated and resubmitted; everything should be up to par. Currently, we are renting a space in the township of Hamilton and have the approval of The City Council regarding zoning and compliance.</p> <p>Mule Extracts is ready to get started and begin hiring within the Hamilton community. We have a lease for 5 years; the property management has been gracious enough to provide us the flexibility of waiting until January to sign for 5 years as we want to ensure we have the license first. We are a family-owned company and established our first business in Oregon a few years ago; we have extensive experience and have navigated many aspects of the cannabis industry. Our top priority is following compliance and guidelines to create and uphold health and safety for consumers, the community, as well as bring in jobs. Having the opportunity to create a second business in our home state of New Jersey means a lot to us. We are Jersey-strong.</p> <p>Please let us know if there is anything we can do or provide to obtain our license. We appreciate your time and look forward to this exciting journey.</p> <p>Thank you, Robert “Wilder” Sampson Mule Extracts 908-601-5250 Wilder.sampson@muleextractspdx.com</p>
<p>Susan J. Wilkinson</p>	<p>10/27/22</p>	<p>Meeting Date should be 10-27-22 Need to put up slides in large scale and read at least applicant numbers for approvals; Need to give applicants a monthly status update on their application, need to have closed caption on youtube and when posting awardee your website should at least give the county or city. You need to hire more staff to streamline time frame.</p>

Jason Bacon	10/27/22	<p>Dear NJ-CRC Commissioners:</p> <p>I submitted a conditional conversion application for a Class 1 Microbusiness Cultivator's License on June 24, 2022. As a certified Social Equity Business applicant, my application should be afforded the highest priority review status. Nevertheless, somehow my conditional conversion application was not amongst those being considered and approved today (10/27/22), even though it was submitted over four months ago now. I have not received any cure or rejection letters from the CRC; nor do I have any disqualifying convictions that would prevent me from receiving licensure.</p> <p>I requested an update from the Commission regarding the status of my application two weeks ago, and I was informed that the CRC's investigation of my suitability to operate a cannabis business was "still ongoing" with no further explanation for the delay. I cannot fathom how this investigation is still ongoing after being initiated well over three months ago now. Moreover, I am the only owner and employee of the license applicant, and I have immediately complied with every request from the CRC's investigators; even agreeing to participate in a sworn-statement interview at the CRC's office in-person that took over two hours.</p> <p>I will be submitting an OPRA request to the Commission to glean information pertaining to the conditional conversion and annual adult-use cannabis applications that were approved today- specifically to determine the priority designations associated with those applications, and when they were submitted. If the CRC is not following its established priority review guidelines for Social Equity Businesses, I will submit my findings to the State Legislature Oversight Committee(s) for review.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comment.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jason Bacon Curchin Cannabis, LLC</p>
Sherry Dudas	10/28/22	<p>Please remove from your FAQs regarding cannabis businesses that preserved farms cannot have cannabis grown on the. Neither the NJ State Agriculture Development Committee nor the CRC rules and regulations restrict the growth of cannabis on preserved farms Based upon a reading of existing laws, aside from obtaining the required CRC license, the growing of outdoor cannabis is subject to municipal approvals and is not restricted by the preservation deed of easement nor the New Jersey Agricultural Retention and Development Act (“ARDA”), N.J.S.A. 4:1C-11, et seq. and SADC regulations at N.J.A.C 2:76-6.1, et seq. I hereby request that the CRC retract the answer to this FAQ published by it on its website. Owners of preserved farms opt to apply for farmland assessment taxes on an annual basis and are not required to maintain farmland assessment tax status as owners of preserved farms. Moreover, when our land is inspected on an annual basis by</p>

		<p>farmland preservation staff, we are not required to prove that we are still receiving farmland assessment taxes. In light of the above, I do not believe that the CRC intended owners of preserved farms from being excluded from growing cannabis. Those of us that desire to grow cannabis on our preserved farms would be more than happy to pay taxes other than those afforded under the Farmland Assessment Act.</p>
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