

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
 Public In-Writing Comments  
Public Meeting: May 24, 2022

Full Name	Meeting date	Comment
Judith Dsepommier	5/24/2022	I am still voicing my opinion against having ElevenEleven,LLc marijuana developer from establishing a cannabis factory in Bergenfield NJ in the abandoned Sears building on S. Washington Ave. That location is in-between the Brownstone Pancake house and the ODibello music School. It's also across the street from The Armory, a government building, across the street from Foster Village Shopping center and near 3 churches: Mercy Church, Jesus Lamb of God Fellowship, Assembly of God all on Foster ST, and End of the Earth Church on Liberty Ave. The noxious fumes emitted from this proposed cannabis factory's processing will spew forth over the entire area caused by this factory increasing both air and water pollution. It doesn't belong in the proposed abandoned Sear's building on S Washington Ave.
Lance Byrd	5/24/2022	I'm interested in transporting cannabis products I'm a truck driver thank you for your time and concern hope to hear from you real soon
Alpesh patel	5/24/2022	I want to talk about crc and great job they have done
Aaron streater	5/24/2022	Can your local Maryor of city president council from your Municipality Endorse you or write a letter of recommendation??
Kevin Babilonia	5/24/2022	Hi, Will the CRC give us a date as to when the conditional licensing date for adult use class #5 will be given out? Looking for approximate expectancy time. thank you.
Emilio Rodriguez	5/24/2022	Hello, I am a patient of the mmp program. You've done us all a large disgrace by allowing 1 ounce per DAY Llimit mean while we are stuck at 3 ounce limit per MONTH. This is absolutely absurd. I have to now pay alot more money to go to the doctor, and if I run out I have pay 6% + city tax + full price for the same

		<p>EXACT cannabis that I can buy while on MMP. You have not addressed adding REAL concentrates not distillates and oils. The program, the regulatory commission and the administration running it is a sham.</p>
<p>Sheik Teon Lee-Bey M.A. (ARR)</p>	<p>5/24/2022</p>	<p>ATL TRANSPORT LLC HAVE BEEN SERVING THE TRI-STATE AREA OVER 2 DECADES. WE ARE VERY OPTIMISTIC THAT WE WILL BE GRANTED OUR CLASS 6 DELIVERY SERVICE AUTHORITY. WE ARE LOOKING FOWARD ON BECOMING ONE OF THE FIRST MINORITY OWNED/OPPERATED CLASS 6 LICENSED CANIBUS DELIVERY SERVICE LLC.</p> <p>GRATITUDE IN ADVANCE  (7) BROTHER TEON LEE-BEY M.A. (ARR)  C/O ATL TRANSPORT LLC # 352197037  EST.2003</p>
<p>Christine Hanson</p>	<p>5/24/2022</p>	<p>what are the requirements needed for application submission for a transport, delivery or wholesaler licensing. Some of the required items requested do not apply to this license class. I would like to obtain clarification for the Class 4 and Class 3 application requirements.</p>
<p>Luke Seigel</p>	<p>5/24/2022</p>	<p>CRC,  Please support A3657/S353, introduced 3/17/2022, legalizes growing or possessing up to six marijuana plants for personal recreational use, and up to 10 plants for personal medical use, by persons aged 21 or older.</p> <p>Cannabis has helped save many lives from the pain and suffering of terminal illnesses. Similarly, cannabis has proven time and time again to being an exit ramp on the highway of heroin and opiate addiction (which is why opiate addiction is a qualifying condition). Now, more than ever, adults and medical patients alike should be allowed to grow a few cannabis plants for personal use. The anti home grow talking points being parroted by Sen Scutari about feeding the black market is utter nonsense. Please do your due diligence</p>

		<p>instead of believing rhetoric handed off by the MSOs. Why are we so far behind Virginia, NY, CT, etc. on reasonable common sense laws around cannabis? Why must NJ insist on eating it's young? It speaks volumes to the corruption and lack of compassion that is business as usual in New Jersey. It's not okay and people are still in prison for something that we voted to make legal. Please help to turn the tide of outdated, antiquated and racist laws surrounding cannabis. How sad it is that medical patients have to implore you to value patients over profits.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Luke Seigel  NJMMP Patient since 2015</p>
Lorraine Williams	5/24/2022	<p>Can a property that contains an indoor grow facility also have a residential house on the property or a house that contains an office downstairs and a rented apartment upstairs if the property is zoned I-1 and the first floor of the house is zoned as office space and the second floor is zoned as residential? The house would be outside of the perimeter security fence and security system.</p>
EMR	5/24/2022	<p>Great job! You d****d around for a year and a half and now two out of three times I've tried to buy recreational marijuana during business hours I've been turned away for no apparent reason. You guys are a joke, a farce- a blemish on society.</p>
Hannah Mar	5/24/2022	<p>Is there an expected date that Annual Licenses will be granted?</p> <p>17:30-7.9 (c) Not more than 90 days after the receipt of an annual license application, the Commission shall make a determination on the application.</p> <p>1. Such determination may include a determination that the Commission requires more time to adequately review the application.</p>

<p>Gaetano Lardieri</p>	<p>5/24/2022</p>	<p>To: NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission public comments held on 24May2022 Re: Clinical Registrant Permits &amp; Cannabis Research in general Dear Chair Houenou, Executive Director Brown and Commissioners,</p> <p>I am speaking to you today on behalf of myself-(Gaetano Lardieri), and in-part for Professor Rob Mejia-(Stockton University), Jennifer Maden-(Rowan University), Edward N. Tobias, Esq., Jessica Gonzalez, Esq.-(cannabis lawyer/advocate), Ken Wolski-(Director CMMNJ), and Leo Bridgewater-(cannabis advocate &amp; partner at Heart Community Capital).</p> <p>First and foremost, we collectively applaud the CRC for their efforts and the tone they have set in reference to diversity and inclusion for the cannabis space in New Jersey and for all they have accomplished for the industry in a record timeframe.</p> <p>We are all here to support the CRC in any way we can.</p> <p>I know several of you personally from interactions/conversations I have had over the years at many cannabis events and on other occasions.</p> <p>For everyone else, I am Gaetano Lardieri from Newark N.J., born/raised and currently reside. I have been in the medical field since 1978. I spent 26 of those 44 years in Oncology research at the hospital/medical center and pharmaceutical levels running/conducting/designing global oncology trials.</p> <p>In 2015, I entered into the Cannabis space advocating for social justice.</p> <p>During this time, I founded three Biotech startup companies specializing in Nanotechnology/Synthetic-Biology/ Cannabinoid Synthesization, Aerospace Science, and the latest focusing on Entheogenic Medicines.</p>
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<p>Gaetano Lardieri</p>	<p>5/24/2022</p>	<p>Hi,  I am submitting again as my first submission was cut off.  There should be a feature/function where person submitting can attach documents. Please take that into consideration.  With that being said here is beginning of the public statements I will be making on Tues 24May2022 along with the portion I think got cut off.  I'm also not sure if my links made it into the document.  If there is an e-mail I can send the entire document to including links please send me an e-mail to my g-mail and I will send as I would also like the CRC to have the document in total with links.  gaetanothcbd@gmail.com</p> <p>To: NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission  public comments held on 24May2022  Re: Clinical Registrant Permits &amp; Cannabis Research in general  Dear Chair Houenou, Executive Director Brown and Commissioners,</p> <p>Beginning for reference:</p> <p>I am speaking to you today on behalf of</p>

		<p>myself-(Gaetano Lardieri), and in-part for Professor Rob Mejia-(Stockton University), Jennifer Maden-(Rowan University), Edward N. Tobias, Esq., Jessica Gonzalez, Esq.-(cannabis lawyer/advocate), Ken Wolski-(Director CMMNJ), and Leo Bridgewater-(cannabis advocate &amp; partner at Heart Community Capital).</p> <p>Part I think got cut off:</p> <p>Through the guidance of the CRC, New Jersey should be a leader in cannabis technology, science, education and development. Let's work together and strive to have New Jersey's Clinical Registrant Program as robust as our neighbor to the west. Pennsylvania currently has 7 major institutions up and running in their program.</p> <p>Also, may I add, and I am well aware that at this time, it's not within the CRC's purview, that in conjunction with legislators, and with the next draft of regulation, what should be taken into serious consideration is Entheogenic Medicines, that is Plant Medicines, and yes you heard it here first, Psychedelics.</p> <p>In my opinion from the research I have reviewed out of John's Hopkins, Harvard, Yale and other prestigious institutions, these plant medicines will have a profound and major impact on all of mental health in general. I believe we have a champion in this respect from my own city of Newark and our junior Senator from New Jersey - Cory Booker. Senator Booker recently sent a letter to the Acting Director of the N.I.H. and the Commissioner of the U.S. FDA advocating for Psychedelics research. This is the next level folks!</p> <p>We encourage you to objectively consider the recent research in Entheogenic Medicine within the purview of patient advocacy. The future of the industry lies in a full</p>
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Robert Devine	5/24/2022	<p>Hello, I am a registered MMJ patient in NJ and I have seen some things that have concerned me since adult use sales have begun. For years, medical patients have been asking for expanded products at dispensaries in the form of expanded concentrates, and once adult use kicked in, the first of these products was released from Apothecarium with their liquid live resin cartridges and crumble. While the price of these products is astronomical compared to other states, I can't even access them on the medical menus but instead have to purchase through adult use with additional tax.</p> <p>The CRC needs to get the 70%/350 mg the concentrate rule amended to not have any cap so these products can start to be available to patients on the medical menu. While I understand the allotment structure for concentrates would need to change, it could be simply adopted in other states where a gram of concentrate is equivalent to roughly</p>

		<p>3.5 grams of flower.</p> <p>The CRC was adamant about protecting patient access, but if patients only have access to certain products through waiting in lines and paying taxes in the adult use market, then patient access is clearly being limited. Especially when these are concentrated products that could be very effective for certain patients to get medicated faster and off less material.</p> <p>I would appreciate any help or information on what can be done to get any new concentrate products on the medical menus as well as on the adult use menus.</p> <p>Thank You, Robert Devine</p>
Barry Doll	5/24/2022	<p>Dear Commissioners --I oppose the granting of a license to ELEVENELEVEN LLC --license application 1034 and 1102 --to operate a cultivation and manufacturing facility at 450 S. Washington Ave in Bergenfield NJ.</p> <p>I and other residents of Bergenfield oppose this facility because :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* there are 4 houses of worship in close proximity to the location</li> <li>* a pediatric medical facility ' Next Generation ' is located across the street in Foster Village</li> <li>* O. Dibella, --a music store and school,--is located next door to the proposed facility</li> <li>* a diner-the BROWNSTONE -is located next door</li> <li>* a US government Armory is situated across the corner from the facility</li> <li>* There is a " Soccer field " located in the Armory</li> <li>* a major shopping and apartment complex is located across the street in Foster Village</li> <li>* Hoover elementary public school is located a few blocks from the facility--behind Foster Village</li> </ul>

		<p>* a residence for Senior Citizens is located next to Hoover school</p> <p>( I will try to send you an aerial photo of the proposed location )</p> <p>For the above reasons many residents oppose the development of this facility in Bergenfield. We are a congested community --population about 28,000 residents --living in an area of 2 square miles . We just don't have the room for this business .</p> <p>Accordingly, we request that the Commission deny the licenses to operate a cultivating and manufacturing facility in Bergenfield</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Barry Doll</p>
Anthony Costantino	5/24/2022	Micro cultivation space restrictions. It is very difficult to find a space in the cities that will accommodate 1000 plants within a 2500 sqft space. If the area was removed and left @ 1000 plants that opens the door for more social equity applicants. If given the chance to speak about it I can give examples and solutions.
barry doll	5/24/2022	please provide telephone number etc for the May 24 meeting thanks
Gerard Alloco	5/24/2022	Question 1: regarding West Cape May, NJ application for Cannabis Retail Licenses , Potent Petal LLC & Shorehouse Canna LLC, these locations are located on Sunset Boulevard in close proximity to Wilbraham Park (Intersection of art 626/South Broadway and Sunset Blvd). Reviewing Sub Chapter 5 : Municipal Authority of New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement , Assistance & Marketplace Modernization Act Subchapter 5: Municipal Authority (p. 45) Section (a) Subsection 2: That governs the location , manner and times of operation of cannabis business ...that requires a cannabis business

		<p>premises to be a certain distance from closest, church...park. What is the exact distance from park a cannabis business can be located?</p> <p>Question 2: Sub Chapter 5 Section(g) (p. 47) A municipality may demonstrate proof of local support for the suitability of a cannabis business proposed location business location. Can the Commission provide the definition “Proof of Local Support”? I understand the residents of the Municipality of West Cape May voted , I believe, 66% to 33% to pass Recreational Cannabis Use in the State of N.J. But I have not been notified as a permanent residence of West Cape how the West Cape May Board of Commissioners determined “Proof of Local Support”( Note: on p. 94 paragraph 5 : Proof of Local Support” which shall be demonstrated by a resolution adopted by the municipality governing governing body. Question: shouldn’t the Municipal Board of Commissioners have had a municipal vote to see if the residents actually wanted cannabis sales in the municipality’s limits? Just because the town residents voted for the New Jersey State government to legalize recreational cannabis sales; doesn’t mean those residents wanted it to be sold in West Cape May.</p> <p>Question 3: 17:30-7.8 Conditional Cannabis Business Conversion Application 9. A Community impact plan , social responsibility and research statement. (p. 95) As a permanent resident I was not provided in writing such a community impact statement. Shouldn’t one be provided by the Municipality of West Cape May before the NJ Cannabis Regulatory Commission approves a municipality’s license?</p> <p>The Press of Atlantic City indicated the Cannabis Regulatory Commission next meets</p>
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Daniel Lee	5/24/2022	<p>Our Class 2 License was awarded in April's meeting, but the CRC Application website still hasn't updated the license page. As of now the application status is listed as "submitted", despite the award notification and us promptly paying the invoice. This leaves us unable to take the necessary steps to prepare and apply for conditional conversion. We understand this is an issue that does not just impact our one license. Can you provide more information on when the license portal will update for Class 2 Licenses?</p> <p>Thank you!</p>
Patricia Doll	5/24/2022	<p>Commissioners,</p> <p>Having been a resident of Bergenfield for almost 52 years, I would like to voice my opposition to the development of a marijuana farm on Washington Ave in the old Sears building for the following reasons: Bergenfield is a small town of about 2 square miles with almost 27,000 people. This is not the place for a pot farm, or any farm - across the street from a busy shopping center, next to a music school, and near several houses of worship. Bergenfield's motto will change from "the friendly town" to "the pot town". Bergenfield will no longer attract families coming here to escape the trials of raising kids in the city. Put the farms in less populated areas where they will cause less of a distraction, or maybe the</p>

		word should be attraction. Science tells us that pot is a gateway drug. Even if legal, it should be controlled. As of now there is not enough control, only encouragement, a dangerous road.
Concerned Employee	5/24/2022	When will the CRC in collaboration with the OAG develop the wire program? Also will the CRC be involved in issuing guidance to citizens on gun ownership, pre employment drug testing, workplace drug testing ect.... When will this guidance come?
LaQue Davis	5/24/2022	Will there be monthly/yearly certification for workers (budtenders) to sale cannabis?
Jean Mosquea	5/24/2022	Medical patients are having their prices raised and not able to purchase the strains they require since the start of recreational sales. Patients should be allowed to grow a limited amount of plants to protect themselves for raising prices and limited stock. This is the best form of equity in a industry where minorities are not favored. You are allowing the black market to thrive.
Floriza Doyle	5/24/2022	My manufacturing license application (ref #1356) was submitted on Feb 4, 109 days ago. I have not received any communication regarding the status of my application. Please advise. Thank you!
Grace Barry	5/24/2022	Public Comment submitted to the CRC By Grace Barry, Owner of Siembra, LLC May 24, 2022  Good Afternoon. My name is Grace Barry. I'm a resident of Belleville. My business, Siembra LLC, is a certified MWBE and was approved for a conditional license to operate a micro cultivation business on March 24th. I'm speaking to the Commission today because I wanted to make you aware of some of the difficulties I've faced during the conditional conversion process and ask you to consider allowing some flexibility for those of

		<p>us who are making a good faith effort to secure all of the necessary approvals.</p> <p>When I submitted Siembra's conditional application, I was very close to securing a property. Although the rent per square foot was higher than the local going rate, I was prepared to pay because I wanted to stay on schedule. However, it seemed like once the landlord realized that new cannabis businesses were under certain deadlines, he became unwilling to negotiate on certain aspects of the lease.</p> <p>The landlord would not guarantee any aspect of the building's condition such as any maintenance or repairs. He then decided to require double the normal deposit amount and even wanted to keep the interest that accrued on it. After months of frustrating back and forth negotiations, I decided it wouldn't be in my best financial interest to enter into such a one-sided agreement.</p> <p>Now that I am searching for another location, it has become painfully evident how few suitable properties there are across the state for cannabis businesses. I've had meetings with multiple property brokers. Some required an upfront fee with no guarantee of success and required it to be an exclusive agreement.</p> <p>In the last few weeks, I've had some luck in my property search, and things are moving in a good direction again, but I am worried that I've fallen behind. Factoring in the local approval</p>
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		<p>process, I worry that Siembra may struggle to meet the conversion deadline. I applaud the work the commission has done so far. I appreciate that the Commission automatically granted an initial 45-day extension and I hope you will consider offering an additional extension for businesses that can provide documentation to show that they are working diligently to finalize their site approvals.</p> <p>Such documentation could include a letter from a local official or an affidavit from the municipality stating that the applicant is making a good faith effort to satisfy all local requirements.</p> <p>I am proud to be a part of the historic initial group of personal use cannabis businesses and sincerely thank you for giving Siembra a chance.</p>
Nicole Barnett	5/24/2022	<p>Thank you CRC for giving us this platform to submit our questions and concerns. My name is Nicole Barnett and I am a minority woman Class 5 retail applicant.</p> <p>I would like to share that I have tried to reach out to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for general insight and information and I have not received a response or any feedback. I sent an email to the general email address listed on the website (<a href="mailto:crc.info@crc.nj.gov">crc.info@crc.nj.gov</a>) in lieu of not having direct contact information for a representative of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.</p> <p>I would like to recommend the direct contact information for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion be listed on the CRC website. As minority small business owners, it is important we have access to individuals who are at the CRC to help us. It is also important to have confidence knowing we will receive a response.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

<p>Jesse Marie Villars</p>	<p>5/24/2022</p>	<p>Thank you commission members for all the work you are doing to create a thriving and equitable cannabis industry here in NJ. I regret not being able to speak at the meeting yesterday, my computer is very old and I wasn't able to update my Zoom account. I will be borrowing a colleague's computer next time! I'm Jesse Marie Villars, owner and CEO of Baked by the River, a conditional microbusiness retail applicant, and the founder of the online job database Cannabis Equity Employment. We've been impressed with the measures the cannabis regulatory commission has put in place to prioritize applicants with past cannabis convictions in the licensing process and are grateful to the NJ-CRC for trying to hold the already established ATCs to a higher standard of social equity in their business practices by recommending they give hiring preferences to applicants who have past cannabis convictions. While this is a great idea, companies may run into barriers when putting those equitable hiring preferences into practice. I formed our online job database Cannabis Equity Employment because I wasn't able to find job candidates with past cannabis convictions when trying to hire people for my business Baked by the River. I wanted to find a graphic designer with a past cannabis conviction, but you can't just google "Job Candidates with past convictions". After years of being stigmatized and discriminated against, many ex-offenders are still understandably cautious about sharing their criminal histories. There are other barriers job candidates with past cannabis convictions face, like being unable to pay for cannabis job training/certification programs, not having a resume because of years working in the illicit market, and not knowing with what employers it's safe to share your criminal record. This is why we created Cannabis Equity Employment to help connect people with past convictions</p>
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		<p>to jobs in the cannabis industry and help address some of the barriers these job candidates are facing. We've connected with the Drug Court Program through the Office of the Public Defender and the One Stop Career Centers through the Department of Labor and are scheduling outreach programs to help ex-offenders sign up for our service. We've created an easy to use platform for cannabis businesses in NJ to find some of the most experienced people for their job openings and to help support the hiring of people with past cannabis convictions. I'm testifying today to bring attention to the obstacles cannabis businesses might face while trying to meet equity hiring recommendations from the NJ-CRC and the barriers to employment that many ex-offenders still face. My business Cannabis Equity Employment is taking steps to help address some of these barriers, but more needs to be done at the state level to provide resources, opportunities and reparations for people who have been harmed by the cannabis prohibition.</p>
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