

**New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission**  
**Public In-writing Comments**  
**Public Meeting: July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Sender	Date	Comments/Questions
Alan Trzuskoski	7/1/2022	<p>I'm the founder of Cannabiz Incubator, a business incubator in Bridgeton, NJ. We incubate cannabis businesses through strategic guidance, shared services and infrastructure, as well as investment.</p> <p>At the meeting on June 30, 2022, there was a mention of workgroups. I believe that one in particular was a discussion of the role of business incubators in the industry.</p> <p>I believe that I can provide unique insight to this topic and would like to be included in the workgroup.</p>
Paul Campano	7/12/2022	<p>I write as a renewing medical cannabis patient and on behalf of my fellow patients. It appears as though some medical ATCs are charging patients local transfer tax on medical cannabis sales. I have been shown receipts indicating these charges being imposed. I have not been able to identify the authority for such imposition by municipalities or pass through by medical dispensaries, and I wonder if they are, in fact, being levied without legislative and/or administrative authority.</p> <p>The 2% maximum local tax is allowed under NJSA 40:48I-1(a)(1), which governs local transfer taxes on cannabis companies. That section refers definition of "Cannabis" set forth in CREAMMA, NJSA 24:6I-33. However, CREAMMA expressly excludes medical Cannabis from this definition:</p> <p>"Cannabis" does not include: medical cannabis dispensed to registered qualifying patients pursuant to the 'Jake Honig Compassionate Use Medical Cannabis Act,' P.L.2009, c.307 (C.24:6I-1 et al.) and P.L.2015, c.158 (C.18A:40-12.22 et al." NJSA 24:6I-33. This is bolstered by the Division of Taxation's own Bulletin TB-104 issued in December 2021. I read this to mean there should be no local tax on medical cannabis, and the ATCs so charging patients should be directed to stop. Unless either the CRC or Division of Taxation has interpreted or ruled differently, or I have overlooked something, the tax is unlawful. I would welcome any opportunity to discuss this further with the Commission or its representatives. Unfortunately, I am currently in a rehab while recovering from an injury and most likely will not be able to attend the July meeting. I am, however, available by cell phone and e-mail, and have teleconference capability. On behalf of myself and my fellow patients, I thank the Commission for its time and kind consideration of this matter.</p> <p>Respectfully, Paul Campano</p>
Milton Jacobs	7/18/2022	<p>We are a Small Minority Security Company from Newark NJ. Our Management retired Newark PD. Question is would it be recommended to attend July 28 to offer our ARMED Security Services to Cannibus entrepreneurs? We have experience in writing and executing Security plans for Cannibus license also. All help greatly appreciated. MJAKE SECURITY.</p>
Taneeshia Hillard	7/19/2022	<p>How detailed does the architect drawings have to be for the conversion application?</p>

Darryl Impalli	7/20/2022	hello good afternoon. i would like to ask if when delivery services are available will retailers be required to only perform delivery through these social equity businesses? similar to mass. and denver. also will there be different license types like delivery operator and just a courier? thank you for taking the time out to address this question.
Anne Cahalane	7/20/2022	<p>I have 2 questions</p> <p>1. As everyone knows, ingesting cannabis is safer than inhaling it. As a medical Marijuana card holder, I can tell you, there's been a substantial reduction in product availability since adult use started. What can be done to increase availability and selections of edible and drinkable products for medical patients? Since it is the most healthy option.</p> <p>2. Why is weed \$189/oz in Maine but costs over \$440/oz for medical patients in NJ? Are you working to bring down prices?</p>
Jaraun Khaim Wright	7/20/2022	<p>While it is not my current position that you or any member of Morristown’s Cannabis Advisory Board support the decaying institution that is white supremacy, I would be remiss if I failed to highlight: the origins of cannabis prohibition in these United States, as led by the federal government, is insidiously intertwined with racist policies, and subsequently laid the foundation for the three acts (Marihuana Tax Act: 1937 — The Controlled Substances Act: 1970 — The Violent Crime Control And Law Enforcement Act: 1994) that continually remain a burden for “people of color,” today. And while I sincerely appreciate the effort in navigating a highly controversial and political industry, I fundamentally and formally reject Morristown’s Cannabis Advisory Board’s lack of support and subsequent recommendation of The Banc Street Collective to The Morristown Town Council. As a nation, when we critically examine the foundations of law, justice and society, and especially when conflating these concepts with one’s own historically controversial relationship between race, class, and culture, we can begin to differentiate between those who dictate, those who enforce, those who benefit, and subsequently, those who suffer from the system of law that rule our shared society. In so many ways, we have come so far from the racially charged and inflammatory rhetoric that lead to the federal adoption of the 1937 Marihuana Tax Act.</p> <p>I am entirely sure the concerted efforts of Anslinger, Mellon, and Hearst, to demonize Mexicans, Filipinos, Blacks, and Jazz musicians, would effectively lead to their immediate cancellation from our new social norm.</p> <p>As a people, we have moved culturally and socially towards acceptance of the “other.” We no longer believe that the cannabis plant will have our daughters pregnant and foaming at the mouth, on our doorsteps, all pumped on Coltrane and Davis.</p> <p>Or do we?</p> <p>There is an inherent bias smoldering in the minds, hearts, and writing instruments of those officials holding the seeds to our collective socioeconomic freedom. As a culture, our rush to distribute the perfect form of restorative justice to those entering the cannabis industry, often overshadow our duty to</p>

		<p>critically examine the origins of why cannabis was initially made illegal in these United States.</p> <p>As a result, we unconsciously perpetuate the formulation and adoption of policies that continue to exacerbate global socioeconomic inequalities, and they tend to negatively affect post colonial non-European “people of color.”</p> <p>The analogy of colonialism permeates the atmosphere as I think of where we sit. Historic Morristown, New Jersey, home of George Washington; The first President of These United States, slave owner, and industrial hemp farmer.</p>
Dylan Michail	7/22/2022	<p>Why is homegrown cannabis still being prohibited? I can understand the purpose behind not allowing recreational users, however, thousands of medical patients have to drive 40+ minutes each way in order to get their medicine. The buzzword "social equity" is thrown around a lot by the CRC and other government departments, but in my opinion— as well as many others, social equity begins with allowing patients (the ones who need it most) to grow their own medicine without the fear of extreme prosecution.</p>
Susan J. Wilkinson	7/23/2022	<p>1. Could you please provided a approved source list if any of education is mandatory for cannabis that may be required to obtain a license for Retailers or Cultivators.</p> <p>2. Also when providing a list of applicants that are approved for Conditional &amp; Regular can you please list the County and City in New Jersey, So we know if they are in North, Central or South Jersey.</p>
Ken Wolski	7/23/2022	<p>My receipt from BLOC dispensary in Ewing on 7/16/22 documents a Ewing Twp. Excise Tax of \$8.16 on my \$480 medical cannabis purchase. It's very nice that the state ended its tax on medical cannabis, but now municipalities can tax it?? No other medicine in NJ is taxed and medical cannabis should not be taxed by anyone.</p>
Michael j Law jr	7/25/2022	<p>Where are the legal spaces for adult cannabis users ?</p>
Luke Seigel	7/27/2022	<p>Medical patients (&amp; New Jerseyans) deserve the right to home cultivation. Our medical (&amp; rec) program is the laughing stock of the east coast. What purpose does it serve to restrict our patients from developing a healthy relationship with the medicine we need. Why must we always come 2nd to profits? #HomeGrowNow</p>
Michael Moy	7/27/2022	<p>Medication needs to be affordable for MMP patients , some dispensaries have sales or sole discounts for medical , but a significant discount for medical vs recreational needs to be put in place</p>
Barry Doll	7/27/2022	<p>Dear Commission--I urge you not to approve license applications 1102 and 1034 regarding the cultivation and manufacturing of recreational marijuana by the ELEVENELEVEN company in Bergenfield NJ. Bergenfield is less than 3 square miles in area with 27,000 people living in the community.</p> <p>This is not the proper location for this factory. It is too close to schools, houses of worship, apartment complexes and poses a risk to those who live and work in the neighborhood. In fact Iit would not surprise me if lawsuits</p>

		<p>are filed with residents claiming injury and sickness from the fumes and dangerous omissions.</p> <p>This factory belongs in the country with lots of room &gt; not in a highly populated area.</p> <p>I trust that the Commission will consider the dangers exposed to the community and decline approval of the factory</p> <p>Thank you Barry Doll</p>
Michelle Karklin	7/27/2022	<p>I wish there were bigger discounts for disabled people on fixed income. While we don't pay sales tax and I am grateful, with everything going up, I shouldn't have to wonder how to get meds. I wish the prices were a bit Less and let the rec patients pay more. They have the same prices at some locations.</p>
Danielle Wildstein	7/28/2022	<p>I applied with site control for a micro business license in Bloomfield, NJ. I did this in lieu of a conditional license because i wanted as many proverbial ducks in a row to the extent I am awarded a license. As such though, I have been paying rent since March 15, 2022 for a business that doesn't even exist yet. Do you know when, as a micro business applicant, that i will receive word on my award status?</p> <p>Thank you so much.</p>
Judith F. Despommier	7/28/2022	<p>Dear Sirs. Once again, I'm writing in protest to licensing applications (1102 and 1034 ) for the proposed ELEVENELEVEN cultivation and manufacturing pot factory in Bergenfield ,NJ . This site is smack in between the restaurant Brownstone Pancake Factory and the DiBello music studio.- near places of worship a n outdoor mall near a government facility (the Armory ) and near places of worship. That in itself should indicate just how congested this proposed area is in Bergenfield . Bergenfield is a heavily populated area less than 3 square miles with 27,000people living here. This factory needs to be relocated in a less densely populated area where the fumes and the risk of increased crime, risk of explosions will not effect the residents who live in clotr proximity to it. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
Robert Crigler	7/28/2022	<p>I'm wondering when the CRC is going to issue annual Cultivation and Manufacturing licenses to NJ business owners with applications submitted back in December 2021?</p> <p>Seven months of delay (Dec 2021 to July 2022) has allowed the multi-state large business to benefit from the retail market and it's just sickening. There's no reason the annual cultivation and manufacturing licenses could not have been issued when the large corporations (CuraLeaf &amp; Acreage Holdings for example) received theirs. This is a lawsuit wait to happen.</p>
Kalil O'Neal	7/28/2022	<p>Is the meeting still going on as it has been in executive session for roughly an hour?</p>
Kerry Wiles	7/28/2022	<p>This is Kerry Wiles, Founder and CEO of Essayons Greenery. I am a fully disabled-veteran and the Company is a certified Disabled Veteran-Owned Business through the NJ Department of Treasury. This places us in priority 2 on the CRC's priority review list. We initially submitted our applications for Cultivation and Manufacturing on Dec 15 and 16, respectively, application ID numbers 1172 and 1197. I am not discouraged, nor am I losing hope, we are simply just scratching our heads. There isn't a</p>

		<p>scheduled CRC meeting in August so we'll look forward to, hopefully, some good news in September. I did receive a Cure letter for additional entity disclosure forms for my investors on March 16 and that information was submitted back to the CRC on March 22. I personally know three other cannabis businesses in the marketplace that also received Cure letters in March that have already received approvals, one of them was actually approved in the March meeting, which was just a week after they submitted their cure documents. I know each case is different, but considering that we're in priority 2 on the priority review list. We assumed we would have seen some movement by now. I will note that the CRC staff has been very responsive to emails and calls, but still without offering any solid answer, which I assume they just cannot to maintain the process. I will mention that one of your amazing Directors did reach out to me personally to let me know that the cure to our application was accepted, and we are still in the review process. But, It doesn't help that we continue to see application numbers below and ahead of us continually appear on the approval list. In closing, we are holding the faith for an approval soon. We are eager to get started. Thank you for all the work you continue to do for our great state and this new cannabis marketplace.</p>
Katie Crist	7/28/2022	<p>I am curious as to how many conditional licenses have now been awarded to social equity applicants with the new addition of the 79 licenses. If you could let me know, that would be greatly appreciated!</p>
Robbin Gulino	7/28/2022	<p>Good Day,  I forwarded a letter to the NJ 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 today's 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. Kindly address these important issues before you move further into distributing licenses. We should be careful to avoid the pitfalls that other states have experienced. You can read more about safety concerns addressed here in the editorial written by Robert Detore, CEO of Turning Point, NJ.  (<a href="https://www.northjersey.com/story/opinion/2022/07/23/nj-legal-weed-lawmakers-need-to-be-ready-to-react/65379928007/">https://www.northjersey.com/story/opinion/2022/07/23/nj-legal-weed-lawmakers-need-to-be-ready-to-react/65379928007/</a>) The letter addressed to Congress states that 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. I can resend them if necessary. 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. While waiting for my turn to speak during today's 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</p>

		normalize substance use. This was also a very valid request which I hope the state will consider. Personally requested by: Robbin Gulino, 862-686-3112 rgulino@callisg.com
Barry Doll	7/29/2022	Can you please tell me how many licenses are you going to approve for recreational use of marijuana--cultivating . manufacturing and retail sales  Thank you Barry Doll