

**New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission**  
**Public In-Writing Comments**  
**Public Meeting: December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

Sender	Date	Comment/Question
Philip Irvin Berlier II	11/2/22	<p>I totally support the decriminalization of cannabis and an adult's right to use it at their discretion. However, it's irresponsible to not require labeling that let's the consumer know the percent of THC or actual strength of the product they are consuming. First, if those 5 or 10 milligrams of THC per serving are at a strength of 90%, the consumer might have medical issues or engage in activities where they could injure or kill themselves or others. We require alcohol labels to have the APV. The rules should be the same for all cannabis products. Second, high potency cannabis is more addictive. Cannabis needs to be regulated to ensure safe and responsible use so as not to create a public health emergency. Finally, despite any law or training given to retailers, Persons under 18 are going to find access to these products. We all know that young people often make risky choices when they're sober. If they don't know how strong a cannabis product is, many will make riskier and more dangerous choices when impaired by high potency cannabis products, especially those that are smoked or vaped. This is a recipe for disaster where many lives will be lost due to a simple lack of information due to inaccurate labelling. I hope you can live with yourselves if you do not responsibly regulate the packaging of cannabis products. In my opinion, you will have blood on your hands if you don't.</p>
Thomas Howard	11/23/22	<p>Many customers ask me when they can apply for the class 3 or class 4 license types. Does the Commission have any guidance to advise the people of the timeline for application windows to begin for the other classes of license types in New Jersey? Also, way to open up a state. Other states could learn a lot.</p>
Ashley Walsh	12/5/22	<p>My name is Ashley Walsh and I am the CEO and primary contact for Garden Organics, LLC, a social equity conditional cultivation and manufacturing licensee who has had conversion-to-annual applications pending before the CRC since early July. We appreciate the CRC's efforts in getting New Jersey's adult use program up and running and are confident, based on many of the CRC's actions thus far, that New Jersey will be an example for the rest of the nation.</p> <p>However, we believe that the CRC needs to be made aware of some of the realities facing applicants who hold both conditional cultivation and manufacturing licenses. As you know, constructing state-of-the-art facilities to cultivate and produce high-quality cannabis products is an expensive endeavor and because Garden Organics is a start-up social equity applicant we are not completely self-funded but rather, in addition to our own funds, have sought outside funding to bring our goals to fruition.</p> <p>Garden Organic's goal was to do this quickly in order to come online in early Q2 of 2023, but unfortunately the delays caused by the CRC's review process have stalled this process. For example, Garden Organics submitted its conversion applications on July 11, 2022 and did not receive any CRC cure letters in connection with its application submissions. But, after emailing the Commission, on October 14, 2022 – 3 months after the conversion applications were submitted – Garden Organics first heard from</p>

		<p>its CRC-assigned investigator. Once the investigator made contact, we immediately provided all necessary information: interviews, fingerprints, and submission of follow-up documentation were all completed within 1 month. By November 16, 2022, our investigator informed us that the investigation was complete, we were completely compliant, and that his findings had been submitted to the CRC for final approval. Despite the investigation being complete, Garden Organics was not on the CRC's December agenda for consideration of its annual license and now needs to wait an additional 30+ days (January 2023 CRC meeting) just to get approval to continue our process. This was disappointing. Garden Organics has garnered promises from funding sources, but these sources are unable to provide their funding to us until the CRC has approved Garden Organics' conversion applications thus delaying our ability to get our facility completed and commence operations.</p> <p>We recognize that the CRC has received high numbers of applications and that it takes time to consider each one. However, we believe it is important that the CRC adhere to the timeframes within the CREAMM Act including statutory deadlines under which a determination on a given application is required. We urge the CRC to adhere to these mandatory deadlines and that Garden Organics be included on the January 12, 2023 public meeting agenda for its application to convert to an annual license.</p> <p>Thank you, sincerely, Ashley Walsh</p>
Niger Ali	12/5/22	<p>Microbusiness questions/ comments- The retailers are given the most opportunities...ie. delivery and consumption spaces 1st positions in addition to traditional retail license... yet delivery is classified as a class 6 license... Our firm, CannaGasm a Camden County based NJ firm is primarily interested in cannabis related delivery and entertainment. Who do we need to speak to, to flesh out guidelines and/ or address any issues preventing the green light on cannabis related delivery and entertainment. Also when can we start hosting cannabis related events which include product tasting?</p>