

MEETING DATE	SENDER	Comment
6/21/2023	Luke Seigel	<p>Congratulations to all the newly licensed businesses. I am happy that cannabis sales are moving out of the dark ages. Unfortunately, the plant has yet to be liberated. New Jersey medical patients deserve to provide ourselves with our medicine the best way we see fit to do so. For some this involves juicing the freshly grown flower (unavailable through dispensaries). Many patients including myself require specific traits & cultivars to relieve our symptoms and simply cannot find them available. With the ever booming cannabis industry there are new strains every day. It is time for the CRC to make a statement in support of the medical patients right to Home Grow. Licenses have been awarded the industry is up and running. When will the patients become a priority? Please take a stand and support NJ patients right to home grow.</p>
6/21/2023	Henry Williams	<p>It is time to support home grow. Denying citizens the right to grow their own is an attempt to undermine legalization and to enrich corporations at the expense of veterans and other vulnerable populations.</p>

6/21/2023	Cassara Grasso	<p>Dear New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission,</p> <p>My name is Cassara Grasso, and I aspire to open the first state-licensed cannabis dispensary in my hometown of Parsippany New Jersey.</p> <p>I am writing because I am concerned with the growing number of illegal establishments in my town that are dispensing cannabis products to patrons through the practice of "gifting." Amongst other unlawful practices, these establishments do not have the proper security and safety protocols in place and they do not verify that their customers are at least 21 years of age.</p> <p>What steps is the NJ-CRC taking to prevent these establishments from operating? What measures can I personally take as a local resident to prevent this from continuing?</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully, Cassara Grasso</p>
6/21/2023	jessie nackord	<p>Please support homegrow for all medical cannabis patients in New Jersey! As a new mmj patient in New Jersey, I am having a hard time finding high quality medication and believe I should be able to grow my own! NJ is one of two states with medical cannabis but no homegrow. Please stand with patients to ensure safe medical cannabis access!</p>

6/21/2023	Wadeeha Jackson	<p>My name is Wadeeha Jackson, I am an MWBE seeking delivery licensing applicant for Maplewood, Township. I thank the council for their continued support and extend social equity applicant's access to licensing. Although I support CRC providing social equity applicants early access to apply for licensing, I am concerned that the council's recent decision to extend access until 2024 for minority-owned, women-owned, and veterans will limit the demographic that the state intends to extend assist develop. As a former resident of Jersey City, Orange, and East Orange, I am aware of the need to provide access to individuals in these areas. As a black woman, I also know the limitation of having access to opportunities that would elevate and community. I would like the CRC to reconsider, opening the portal for Minority and Veterans to December 26, 2023, and to reinstate the original social equity application access to September 2023.</p>
6/21/2023	Mia Nicole Sulfrian	<p>The fact that medical patients are still, patiently suffering waiting to have the same rights as other states is cruel. I personally have been fighting for full disability for over 3 years. I haven't been paid in 3 years. I have to rely on friends and family to pay for my cannabis. Talk about feeling like a burden while chronically ill. You're not fighting hard enough for your medical patients if you're denying home grow. I'm on 15 different prescriptions. I don't want opiates when I'm trying to preserve my health. I deserve to grow my medication without having to pay about \$400 a month just to have some pain relief. Medical patients are already suffering enough. Denying us home grow should be criminal. It's 2023 get your shit together, because this is pathetic. Please and thank you.</p>

6/21/2023	Sonia Mangalick	<p>I would like to begin a conversation about the concern regarding delays in receiving final licensing approval for those of us who have fulfilled all requirements. Representing a consortium of Microbusinesses, I'd like to request that our applications are not passed over in favor of applications submitted AFTER ours AND where the applicant's situations do not currently meet requirements. Delays in receiving the "OK" to open shop are creating serious cash flow issues due to the need to cover carrying costs as well as an inability to secure additional funding/investors. Additionally, we have staff who are staying in toxic work environments and/or are underemployed as we are unable to provide them the employment that they want and need now. As a local, small business owners we are committed to improving our community, supporting others and believe in the need to assist marginalized groups. However, continuing to favor others whose applications were submitted much later than ours, is actually harming our ability to meet our commitments, assist other local businesses, hire marginalized locals and improve the local economy as is desperately needed. Furthermore, our inability to cover our own, personal expenses, as we continue to cover carrying costs without revenue has put undue strain on three single income families. Please hear the pleas of of Microbusinesses who, only by nature of birth, have not been able to move forward in the licensing process as priority applicants are investigated and large, highly funded MSO's continue to realize increased revenues every day.</p>
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6/21/2023	Matha Figaro	<p>I am writing to you today with a deep sense of urgency and concern regarding the approval of new form factors and edibles in the state of New Jersey. As a long-time participant in the cannabis industry, I have witnessed firsthand the significant market share lost opportunity over the past two years due to the neglect of this crucial subject. It is disheartening to see such potential for growth and revenue generation being swept under the rug. I implore you to prioritize the approval of edibles and other new form factors without any further delay. The financial and social implications of this decision are far-reaching and demand immediate attention. I would like to share a personal experience that highlights the consequences of the delayed approval of edibles in New Jersey. Due to the lack of interest in approving edibles, I have been forced to move my operations out of state in order to generate revenue and sustain my livelihood. It is disheartening to be forcibly removed from my home state, where I have grown my brand successfully over the past eight years. New Jersey has the potential to become a national leader in the cannabis industry, but this can only be achieved by embracing innovation and responding to the demands of the market. By approving edibles, you will demonstrate a commitment to fostering a thriving and inclusive cannabis market that benefits both businesses and consumers. I respectfully urge the New Jersey CRC to reevaluate the current stance on edibles and prioritize their immediate approval. The time to act is now, as we cannot afford to lose any more ground to neighboring states that have already recognized the value of this product category. Let us work together to shape a vibrant and forward-thinking cannabis industry that benefits all stakeholders in New Jersey.</p>
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6/21/2023	Jason Bacon	<p>Since the Commission has been awarding licenses, it has disclosed the contact information of the license awardees on its website via Final Action Decision Letters. As of the June 1, 2023 Commission Meeting, awardees' contact information has suddenly been redacted within the Final Action Decision Letters without explanation. It is material that the Commission continue to disclose awardees' contact information to not only maintain transparency regarding the licensing process, but in order for members of the public to offer services and support to the recent license awardees. The Commission must continue to disclose the contact information for license awardees, as it has been the practice to do so for every other license awardee from every prior Commission Meeting.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
6/21/2023	Chuck Salzman	<p>The entirety of the comments from the Green Lane Distribution Co. did not fit in this field of this web submission form. Instead, I have sent an email to Executive Director Brown, Director Urbish, Chief Counsel Riggs, and Deputy Counsel Tuason with the subject line, "Green Lane Distribution - Written Testimony for CRC" from the email csalzman@greenlanedistribution.com. The submitted public comment addresses the Notice of Application for Classes 3 and 4 Licenses from the June 1st public meeting. Thank you.</p>
6/21/2023	Karl Fort	<p>When will see an end to the white supremacy and actually process social equity applications as a priority? Social equity applicants were lied to and told they would have priority when in fact they keep getting sent to the back of the line so white connected groups can get licenses first.</p>