

New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission  
 Public In-Writing Comments  
Public Meeting: December 7, 2023

Full Name	Meeting date	Comment
Rajagopalan Santhanam	12/7/2023	Our daughter 21 severely disabled with 3 severe neurological disorders & medical cannabis patient. Due to her severe neurological disorder usage is high & cannabis helps her a lot to be alive but something needs to be done for the price . Can you guys look into this as affordability is the challenge now days . Can u please respond to my queries whether anything will be done . I did raise this to governor at WNYC Radio Q& A. He said someone will be in touch but no one called so far regarding my concerns. Please call . Thanks
Tracy Zarriello	12/7/2023	Please advise how a new dispensary can get information on each town whom has opt in ,When you call for information about putting up a dispensary no one can ever answer correctly. If licensed how is three months realistic to build . When the township cannot even tell you if they're accepting it or not.
Dylan Youngclaus	12/7/2023	The strict regulations you are enforcing on todays cash crop are the same laws that were enforced in the 1700s when the American citizens threw the Boston tea party. You deny citizens the right to cultivate a plant forcing the consumer to buy a product that is marked up 1000%+ with some products being marked up as much as 2500% from product cost. As members of the state that were sworn into oath to protect the constitution how do u justify violating the 14th amendment of the constitution which states “ No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.” You are attempting to sell farmers the right to cultivate a plant which is exactly what Great Britain did with tea and what the 14th amendment was put in place to prevent. With this being said I believe if the crc members

		want to uphold their oath to the constitution they will make home cultivation a priority in restoring New Jersey citizens right to equal protection under the law.
K. Blumenfeld, Esq.	12/7/2023	Public Comments closed in March 2023 on NJ-CRC Rules with proposed amendments regarding cannabis consumption areas: N.J.A.C. 17:30. When is legal deadline for NJ-CRC to release the public comments that were provided to them, and when will their decision on these proposed amendments be made public? This requested information does not appear to have been posted on the website, and it has been more than 8 months since the deadline to submit public comments has passed.
Kierstin Cooper	12/7/2023	<p>I am emailing regarding the pending dispensary in North Cape May in the North Cape May Shopping center.</p> <p>My son is a student at the daycare in this complex. Everyday, they are required to take the children for a 30 minute walk outside. I feel this dispensary would make a lot of unnecessary traffic in this complex making it unsafe for walks for our children. I also feel that this dispensary would raise the chances of impaired driving in this complex again making this unsafe for children in this complex.</p> <p>As per the Federal Controlled Substances Act, a dispensary cannot be within 1,000 feet of a school. I'm not sure why a daycare would be classified as any different.</p> <p>As a concerned parent, I would hope you could reconsider your location for this dispensary.</p> <p>Kierstin Cooper</p>
Nancy Bea Frankenfield	12/7/2023	I am very concerned with the amount of foot & vehicle traffic, created by this type of establishment and environment. With children and teach walking to the bus each day. Our

		<p>children’s safety should always be our first concern, no matter what. Even with Marijuana legalized, it has its on place. And there is no place for it around children and their education. From years it was in the class of a “Drug free school zone”</p>
<p>Terry L Frankenfield</p>	<p>12/7/2023</p>	<p>In the area of question, is a daycare center. They care for infants to four years olds, year around. In the summer months, they have a summer camp with older children. As retired law enforcement, I have a concern with the individuals that may go to that establishment to purchase drugs, A lower life in society and who knows what they may do with young children in the area. Also, the increase of traffic, not knowing if the vehicle operator is under the influence, driving erratic, etc. With employees and children in that area it could be a hazard and could end up injuring or killing someone. This is not acceptable. These type establishments should not be allowed anywhere where a school/daycare is located. New Jersey legislators that’s abide by the federal law that says marijuana is illegal..</p>
<p>Cristina McKenney</p>	<p>12/7/2023</p>	<p>Hello, as a taxpayer in New Jersey and someone who fully supports our states medical/recreational marijuana laws, I am astonished at the lack of concern and planning in regards to the current proposed location. Dispensaries and their customers (through no fault of their own) carry with them smells and sounds that DO NOT belong near anyone under the age of 21, but most especially small children.</p> <p>There is a childcare facility at this location, that has been there for a few years now, providing a needed service for our community. Which is why this decision of this location is so confusing. With all the empty retail spaces in our area, the choice to put it si close to a daycare needs to be not only explained but defended.</p> <p>If this were a public or private school recognized by the state, this would not have</p>

		<p>been a option for location because it would be considered an drug free zone area as it should be. With that said the fact that the owner of this daycare facility and the employees must all abide by state laws and regulations set forth to protect our children's safety and well being, this location should be protected from such influences. Please reconsider the location of this business as it will effect the children that learn, play, and grow a few doors away.</p>
<p>Abigail Kalmbach</p>	<p>12/7/2023</p>	<p>Commissioners,  Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to the public record. These comments were provided orally as well. I write as a member of the New Jersey CannaBusiness Association’s Laboratory Testing Committee. We are a group of scientists and laboratory testing professionals who are advocating for the enhancement of cannabis testing standards, scientific integrity, and safety for cannabis consumers in the State of New Jersey. Our focus today revolves around two crucial points that require your attention and immediate action.</p> <p>First, we implore the Commission to push for the establishment of New Jersey’s own comprehensive testing guidance for cannabis. We are still following the 2020 version of Maryland's testing guidance and standards, which is antiquated from even what Maryland is using today. Advances in science have enabled scientists to do so much more to ensure product transparency and data accuracy. Our Committee has provided detailed feedback to the Commission staff regarding testing standards for a safe and effective marketplace. It is time for the CRC to issue NJ's own testing guidance.</p> <p>Second, we draw your attention to the pressing issue of questionable laboratory practices and data circulating without proper governance. This is one of the largest problems in cannabis markets, and New Jersey is not immune to it. The lack of oversight and lab governance poses</p>

		<p>a serious threat to the integrity of the cannabis industry in our state. We must address the potential manipulation of laboratory results and emphasize the need for a transparent and accountable system. The Commission should explore measures to enhance monitoring, reporting, and auditing processes within testing laboratories to ensure the reliability and accuracy of the data generated. The efficacy of this governance will make or break our market. Our laboratory testing committee worked diligently on a set of recommendations for a robust lab governance program. We pulled best practices from cannabis markets across the country, and have outlined a comprehensive plan that includes practical and achievable uplift points. These measures can be implemented swiftly to address the current gaps in the system. By taking immediate action on these recommendations, the Cannabis Regulatory Commission can truly stand behind the “buy legal: it’s safe and tested” campaign, and can demonstrate its commitment to upholding the highest standards in cannabis testing and ensure the long-term success of the regulated market in New Jersey.</p> <p>In conclusion, we urge the Commission to prioritize the establishment of New Jersey’s own testing guidance, and address questionable laboratory data through the implementation of the recommended lab governance program without delay. The citizens of New Jersey deserve a well-regulated and safe cannabis industry, and your leadership is pivotal in achieving this goal. Thank you for your dedication to the betterment of our community.</p>
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