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ATTACHMENT: Infographic showing high compliance rate of cannabis retailers relative to liquor and tobacco.

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Cannabis Industry Calls on State Regulators to Reconsider Infusions Ban

In an unprecedented joint statement, the Washington CannaBusiness Association, The Cannabis Alliance and the Cannabis Organization of Retail Establishments urge regulators to return to sound policymaking for regulated marketplace

WASHINGTON - In a first-of-its-kind joint statement by Washington's industry associations representing cannabis producers, processors, retailers and other industry stakeholders, the Washington CannaBusiness Association, The Cannabis Alliance and the Cannabis Organization of Retail Establishments called on the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board to reconsider its sudden announcement last week that it would ban previously-approved, cannabis-infused sweetened products.

The following statement may be attributed jointly to Washington CannaBusiness Association Executive Director Vicki Christophersen, The Cannabis Alliance Executive Director Lara Kaminsky and the Cannabis Organization of Retail Establishments Executive Director Brooke Davies:

"The Washington cannabis industry is and always has been committed to keeping cannabis products out of the hands of children, a fundamental expectation of the public and the most foundational element of the law. Our members have a successful track record of working with lawmakers, regulators and the public to build a successful cannabis industry that creates jobs and upholds rules that protect children.

Given our history of cooperation and collaboration with the LCB, we were surprised and disappointed by the LCB's abrupt, unilateral decision to ban previously LCB-approved cannabis-infused sweetened products. The success of the regulated marketplace depends on sound

policymaking and data-driven rules that support its viability and uphold expected safeguards for kids and the public.

The trend of legalization across the country will not slow down and we will continue to step up to escalating competition in the marketplace and in our commitment to supporting sound regulatory policies. The Washington cannabis industry stands ready to support and participate in a process that implements our shared goals for the safety of our children and the success of our legal marketplace.”

Washington’s pot law hasn’t meant more use by kids, new study says – Seattle Times

<https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/marijuana/more-washington-kids-arent-using-pot-even-though-its-legal-new-study-says/>

“Youth use of pot and cannabis-abuse treatment admissions have not increased in Washington since marijuana was legalized, according to a new analysis by the state Legislature’s think tank.”

“Pot use by students in [Grades 6, 8, 10 and 12] was stable or has fallen slightly since I-502 was enacted, the [Washington State Institute for Public Policy] report said.”

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