



An open letter from our Executive Director, Vicki Christophersen:

Washington State residents and businesses are leaders. We export everything from airplanes to apples – 75% of the hops grown in America come from Yakima. Great companies call our state home – Bloomberg named Washington the #1 most innovative state in in 2013. And on November 6, 2012, we overwhelmingly approved a legal regulatory system for recreational marijuana.

Washington voters' clear direction has created a new, legal and robust marketplace almost overnight. That's why our members – legal marijuana producers, processors and retailers – are proud to support the Washington CannaBusiness Association. Our new trade-association is excited to join the ranks of our long-established peers from other industry sectors – technology, aerospace, renewable energy and agriculture, to name just a few.

We pursue four goals on behalf of our members:

- To meet the expectation of Washington voters and to fulfill the promise of safe, quality-controlled marijuana products for all users, and strengthen the financial benefits to the state's Dedicated Marijuana Fund.
- To acknowledge the momentum toward legalizing marijuana across the U.S. and provide leadership and strong advocacy for a single formalized system on the state level.
- To position Washington State as a leader in the growing movement to legalize marijuana nationwide.
- To engage with our communities, elected leaders, regulators, public health system and law enforcement to collaborate together and shine a light on the responsible, accountable and law-abiding businesses in the legalized marijuana ecosystem.

We look forward to doing our part to continue Washington State's legacy of leadership in supporting a safe, legal business and community environment for recreational marijuana production, distribution, retail and use.

Sincerely,

Vicki Christophersen
Executive Director