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## **Governor signs law to protect patients, regulate a safe cannabis marketplace**

*Cannabis businesses applaud Governor's support for Cannabis Patient Protection Act, look forward to a safe, quality-controlled and regulated marketplace*

WASHINGTON – Joined by Washington CannaBusiness Association members and many leading supporters of a safe, quality-controlled and regulated cannabis marketplace, Governor Jay Inslee this afternoon signed the Cannabis Patient Protection Act into law. The Cannabis Patient Protection Act earned overwhelming bipartisan approval from both the House and Senate this legislative session, as members of each party came together to support a bill that would protect patients' access to medical cannabis and the will of the voters when Washington State led the nation in approving a regulated system for marijuana in 2012.

“Washington’s residents and elected leaders are truly leading the nation in supporting a safe, quality-controlled and regulated cannabis marketplace that will serve as an example for others grappling with these challenging issues,” said Washington CannaBusiness Association Executive Director Vicki Christophersen. “The Governor’s approval of the Cannabis Patient Protection Act is a critical step in the right direction, and I-502 licensed cannabis businesses look forward to continuing to work with regulators, policymakers and community leaders to build a tightly-controlled legal market that is committed to protecting kids and communities and supports patient access to medical cannabis while following the direction of Washington voters for a fully-regulated system. There is more work ahead, but today we applaud Governor Inslee, Senator Rivers and Hatfield, Representatives Cody and Schmick, and the overwhelming bipartisan majorities in the House and Senate who worked to support the Cannabis Patient Protection Act this year.”

### **About Washington CannaBusiness Association**

Washington CannaBusiness Association solely represents Washington’s licensed and regulated cannabis businesses and provides its members with general support and representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the private

cannabis industry created by Initiative 502 and our member companies, our mission is to advocate on behalf of our member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal and public policy arenas.

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