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State compliance checks enforce safe marketplace

Washington CannaBusiness Association fully supports compliance for a safe, quality-controlled marketplace

WASHINGTON – The Washington CannaBusiness Association, the only industry organization solely representing I-502 license holders, today released a statement supporting compliance checks conducted by Washington State's Liquor and Cannabis Board. The Liquor and Cannabis Board yesterday announced that 19 of 157 recreational stores recently failed compliance checks for sales of marijuana to minors.

"We applaud the Liquor and Cannabis Board for enforcing strict standards to support a safe, quality-controlled and regulated cannabis marketplace in Washington. This enforcement action, along with the actions of King County and the city of Seattle this week to crack down on illegal marijuana retailers, will help eliminate sales to minors," said Washington CannaBusiness Association Executive Director Vicki Christophersen. "We look forward to continuing our shared commitment with state regulators, local officials and law enforcement to ensure that our new regulated marketplace adheres to the strict guidelines established by policymakers and voters and supported by our members."

Washington CannaBusiness Association earlier this month celebrated the achievement of all three of their top legislative priorities during the 2015 session in Olympia:

- The successful passage of the Cannabis Patient Protection Act, creating a safe, regulated and quality-controlled marketplace for the entire cannabis industry
- The successful passage of 2HB 2136, creating a streamlined taxing structure to eliminate unintended consequences of I-502 such as double taxation
- The successful adoption of new regulations to allow third-party safe transport of cannabis products and associated revenue

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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