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## Regulated cannabis industry applauds King County enforcement actions

WASHINGTON – Applauding a major step today in the right direction toward enforcing a safe, regulated and quality-controlled cannabis marketplace, the Washington CannaBusiness Association (WACA) released a statement supporting today's decisive actions taken by King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg and Sheriff John Urquhart.

"We are encouraged by today's announcement and clear action by King County leaders to enforce state law to support a safe, quality-controlled and regulated cannabis marketplace for all consumers, including patients," said WACA Executive Director Vicki Christophersen. "In order for our state's voter-approved regulated market to succeed, we must enforce state laws and shut down unregulated, unlicensed and potentially unsafe cannabis businesses. There is a lot more work ahead to ensure that our state's desire to lead the country in drug policy reform and diminish the black market for pot will prove successful. Today is the latest step in the right direction."

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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