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Licensed cannabis industry applauds Seattle enforcement legislation

Local action and enforcement are critical to supporting state laws for a safe, quality-controlled and regulated cannabis marketplace

WASHINGTON – Today the Washington CannaBusiness Association, the industry organization in Washington solely representing regulated I-502 license holders, thanked Seattle leaders for sending a strong message that they intend to crackdown on illegal marijuana operations (including delivery services) and creating a pathway for the merging of all cannabis businesses – both for recreational users and legitimate patients – into a single regulated cannabis marketplace.

“We applaud the hard work of Councilmember Nick Licata and his Council colleagues, and Mayor Ed Murray, to ensure that Seattle is enforcing laws that support a single, quality-controlled and safe marketplace for cannabis.” said **WACA Executive Director Vicki Christophersen**. “We also want to recognize the leadership that King County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg and King County Sheriff John Urquhart displayed last week when they moved forward with enforcing the closure of 15 illegal marijuana retailers in unincorporated King County.”

“As a retailer based in Seattle, I believe it is important for the city to take a leadership role in enforcing state law,” said **Ian Eisenberg, owner of Uncle Ike's, Seattle's second oldest 502 retail store**. “State voters three years ago passed I-502 to create a safe, legal and regulated marketplace for cannabis so that we can start to fix the failed drug policies that didn’t make our communities any safer and wasted public resources. Strong local enforcement in cities and counties like Seattle and King County will be absolutely critical to ensuring that a regulated marketplace for cannabis can work.”

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.

Learn more about Washington CannaBusiness Association by visiting our website at <http://www.wacannabusiness.org>

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