



**CALIFORNIA CANNABIS  
INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**  
California's Collective Voice for the Cannabis Industry

September 7, 2017

The Honorable Holly Mitchell  
Chair, Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5019  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 133 (Committee on Budget): Cannabis Regulation  
NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Mitchell:

The California Cannabis Industry Association (CCIA) is pleased to SUPPORT AB 133 (Committee on Budget), as amended September 6, 2017, and urges its passage.

Formed in 2012, CCIA's mission, to unite the cannabis industry in California, has allowed our over 350 members to speak with one voice to advance a regulatory framework that achieves important policy objectives that encourage investment and innovation and enhance public and consumer safety.

AB 133 makes critical changes to the Medicinal & Adult Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), which was enacted in June to ensure proper implementation of cannabis regulation, including allowing cannabis operators to co-locate medicinal and adult use licenses on the same premises. AB 133 makes other important technical changes, as follows:

- Authorizes an applicant for licensure to voluntarily submit documentation demonstrating local compliance for purposes of obtaining a state license and requires licensing authorities to presume compliance unless notified by the local jurisdiction.
- Modifies the definition of deliver to expressly authorize the use of technology platforms by cannabis retailers.
- Authorizes patients 18 years or older holding a valid medical recommendation and medical ID card and/or primary caregivers to enter licensed cannabis businesses that hold both adult use and medicinal licenses.
- Clarifies that for purposes of tax collection, that only finished, harvested products that have met all quality assurance and testing requirements are subject to the cultivation tax.
- Authorizes the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to relieve a licensee from tax payment penalties if the failure to timely pay is due to reasonable cause.

CCIA wishes to thank the Governor's Office, Legislative Leadership, and the Assembly and Senate budget committees for making these necessary, technical changes to the MAUCRSA and for their ongoing efforts to create a framework that ensures the most responsible implementation of cannabis policy in California. CCIA is pleased to have been part of this collaborative process and urges your AYE vote on AB 133, as amended September 6, 2017.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss CCIA's position please don't hesitate to contact Nate Bradley at (916) 671-4045 or Amy Jenkins at (707) 291-3270.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Members of the Senate Budget Committee  
Members of the Assembly Budget Committee  
Governor Jerry Brown