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Ms. Thornley,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Wellness Connection of Nevada LLC regarding the recent Workshop on Proposed Temporary Regulation on the Recreational Marijuana Program. I personally attended the Workshop and left public comment on Section 12; subsection 1(a) & subsection 5, which establishes the criteria used to determine the "Good Standing" of an existing medical marijuana establishment. My comment, echoed by many others in attendance both in Southern and Northern Nevada, was a request for consideration to extend the May 31st, 2017 cutoff date.

My reason for requesting an extension of this cutoff date relates to our current timeline for opening our three (3) license (dispensary, cultivation & production) facility located at 3615 Spring Mountain Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89102. As of this date, our facility is currently under construction and due to be completed on April 30th, 2017. Executive Director Deonne E. Contine stated that licenses that cannot process a transaction on or before April 30th will be unable to meet the tax filing deadline of May 31st, 2017 with the Department of Taxation. Per the proposed regulations, those unable to meet this deadline will not be considered in "good standing" and unable to apply for a temporary recreational marijuana license.

Upon completing construction on our facility on April 30th, 2017 we will then begin the process of our requisite inspections to obtain our final licensure. This timeline would have us receiving our final licenses roughly two (2) weeks after the deadline to process a transaction in time to file for the May 31st deadline. Considering this, I would like to formally request the Department of Taxation extend the May 31st, 2017 deadline to June 30th, 2017.

1. A medical marijuana establishment that has received a medical marijuana establishment registration certificate and is operating and in good standing, as defined in subsection 4 of this section, under its medical marijuana establishment registration certificate may apply for a marijuana establishment temporary license no later than ~~May 31, 2017.~~ June 30, 2017.

5. As used in this section, a medical marijuana establishment is "operating" if it filed a return and paid the tax imposed by NRS 372A.290 prior to ~~May 31, 2017.~~ June 30, 2017.

I spoke with other attendees at the Workshop and know that we are not alone in a request for an extension of the May 31st deadline. There were many other groups with provisional licenses that will be completing construction under a similar timeline and also believe that an extension of the deadline to June 30th, 2017 would provide sufficient time to meet the requirements of "Good Standing" set forth in the proposed temporary regulations.

Many of these groups, much like our own, would have been open much sooner had we not experienced delays in our construction and licensing process that were out of our control. Our group in particular was a part of the County & State 8 which resulted in an initial setback of six (6) months on the receipt of our licenses. While the outcome of these events ultimately resulted in receipt of our licenses, it incurred additional costs and significantly delayed our timeline to begin construction.

We have a great deal of respect for what the Department of Taxation is attempting to accomplish with the aggressive timeline to launch the temporary program. It's our understanding that the Department of Taxation has limited bandwidth to apply to the application and review process of the temporary recreational licenses. We understand that extending the deadline could result in the addition of a handful of licenses that add stress to the limited resources available to process them. However, we all strongly believe that the addition of these licenses results in a more competitive marketplace for the consumer, job creation for Nevada residents and has the potential to generate significant tax revenues for our State.

We appreciate your hard work in the development of these regulations and we hope you take our request into consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew McClure
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