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Dear IRRC Board,

Re: **Section 1161a.25(b) Licensed Medical Professionals At Facility.**

I am the owner of MediCalm-PA, LLC, a practice established in June of 2019 to provide consultation and certification for medical marijuana use. I am board certified in Family Medicine and have a true concern for every person that I certify, with an understanding of chronic disease states and how the use of cannabis can help to provide relief of their symptoms if used correctly and with proper guidance. I provide education at each consultation but always refer them to the dispensary pharmacist for an initial consultation and follow-up guidance if needed. I have limited facilities to which I refer based on patients feedback, due to lack of pharmacists availability, or due to the pharmacists being assigned to non- patient tasks. I have had patients tell me that they were recommended products from the wellness associates that were not helpful and caused unwanted side effects. Overall, my impression based on renewing yearly certifications, is that many patients' symptoms are not controlled due to lack of proper guidance from the dispensaries, and my suspicion is that these dispensaries are not utilizing pharmacists appropriately. Cannabis as a medicine is not being treated as a medicine, and many patients are not getting the appropriate guidance that they need for success.

I would like to say that during these past 3 years, I have had patients do very well when they were able to get the proper guidance from the pharmacists and would like to see this happen more often.

Please ensure that pharmacists are made available at every dispensary for patients as well as for caregivers, and consider a state minimum of a 1:1 ratio of pharmacist per dispensary be written into the act (in person or remote).

Thank you for your consideration,

Kimberlee Williams Park, D.O.