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Hello,

As a patient I am writing to urge the state DoH to drastically expand the number of licenses / permits for both dispensaries and Grower/Processors as the current limit is far too low for a state of this size. The finite number of licenses has created a crony capitalist system picking winners and loser that has resulted in an expensive oligopoly of massive companies gouging patients whenever they get the chance while ensuring meaningful competition is nonexistent. We have the second most expensive program in the entire country and prices have not improved in my 2+ years as a patient. Selling \$60-\$70 quarters of trim bin shake should be illegal. Either open the market up to anyone who can operate legally within it to produce products, or exponentially increase the number of licenses to it is not such an arbitrarily low number of companies operating. Banning vertical integration would also help consumers since the small dispensary chains have almost all been bought by Big Cannabis.

Allow legitimate edibles to be sold. If not permitted then allowing hash and other product types will also help patients as there is very little diversity in regards to what kinds of products are being sold.

Allow unified online menu platforms like Leafly and Weedmaps to be leveraged, it is a waste of everyones' time and money forcing every dispensary to build its own menu or partner with standalone iheartjane for menus.

Implementing legitimate discrimination protection for jobs that will stand up in court is drastically needed as we continue to see employers acting with hostility.

Permit patients to grow their own cannabis plants to help the market correct its ridiculously high prices.

Overhaul the zero-tolerance DUI laws as they relate to cannabis.

Thanks