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**Subject:** JDW MCB Marijuana Mailbox Comment  
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**Attachments:** [JDW Letter to MCB regarding distributors.pdf](#)

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Hello! I am hoping its not too late to get this comment into the Marijuana Mailbox for the January meeting. Thanks so much and have a wonderful holiday!

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December 23, 2020

**Re: Proposal for New Type of Marijuana Business License, Distributor Licenses**

Dear Honorable Members of the Alaska Marijuana Control Board:

Please consider the following proposal for a new class of Marijuana business licenses, the Marijuana Distributor license. This new license would require all those who transport marijuana within state lines to be licensed with AMCO, including those who transport marijuana from outside state lines<sup>1</sup>. With Federal legalization looming, it is more important than ever that we take steps to protect local small businesses and regulate incoming commerce. Creating Distributor licenses will be the first step towards ensuring the sustainability of the local Alaskan market when trade opens to the rest of the nation and ultimately the world.

Many recreational marijuana states already have Distributor or Transporter licenses, though the definitions and privileges of such vary, and the variations of this license type does not mirror the proposal below. These states include Michigan, Illinois, California, Massachusetts, Washington, and Colorado.

In the liquor industry, there exists a wholesale distributor license type – this license type is common amongst the various states and has federal requirements to follow as well. The liquor distributor license allows the license to purchase from manufacturers varying types of liquor products, and then the liquor distributor in turn sells these products to a variety of companies that sell liquor to end user consumers (i.e. bars, restaurants, liquor stores, etc.). The proposal I respectfully request this Board consider is similar, but not identical, to the liquor distributing model.

Currently, businesses that are transporting marijuana between licensed facilities are not required to be separately certified. Marijuana transporters must have AMCO Marijuana Handler Cards, but they are not required to be licensed.

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<sup>1</sup> Once Federally legal to do so.



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Creating a distributor license is not intended to impact those transporting marijuana to and from Alaska state licensed operators, it is intended to create new Alaskan business opportunities, and, to put it bluntly, provide Alaskan businesses with an advantage over out-of-state businesses post-Federal legalization. Pre-Federal legalization, the distributor license would be intended to allow a facility to purchase marijuana and marijuana products from varying licensed operators, as a hub/distribution center. The distributor would then have the ability to repackage marijuana and marijuana products, roll joints, create new branding, and simplify the process for smaller operators. For example, a limited cultivator might not want to perform (or be the best at) marketing with retailers across the state, and might not have the logistical prowess to transport to multiple retailers, package their small harvest into consumer ready packaging, and might be more viable as a business model if there were facilities where they could sell, in bulk, each harvest, and then let the distributor trim the marijuana, test the marijuana, handle the tax filings under the distributor's license, and then package and brand the marijuana for direct consumer sale. This would also allow a distributor to re-direct bud/flower/trim to manufacturer in a manner that would be efficient and make the most business sense instead of being strong armed by the regulations, which have restrictions such as a retailer cannot transport flower/trim to a manufacturer. All of these details and a discussion about what would be best for the industry, while protecting consumer health and safety, would be ideally flushed out in the public comment and Board deliberation process. All of these same benefits could apply to manufacturers whom need a distributor to market their product and transport to retailers. *I would recommend that any existing marijuana licensee be able, within 24 months of enacting this new license type, be permitted to apply for a license (or be automatically endorsed by the State as a distributor) at no license fee cost and then thereafter, a limited amount of distributor licenses be granted on a merit-based system annually.* Merit based considerations would be based on the applicant's ability to demonstrate clear understanding of the applicable regulations, health and safety codes, and tax compliance, in addition to any other areas the Board would like to impose or as generated by Public Comment. I would recommend that after the initial year of this license type being available, that the board only issue additional distributors' licenses as needed, and in any case no more than two (2) per year.

An important provision to include in the regulations would be to address how this license would impact interstate commerce Post-Federal legalization. Post-



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Federal Legalization, I propose that the regulations require that only distributors that are licensed by this Board be allowed/authorized to import and export marijuana and marijuana products to and from the state of Alaska, just as wholesale distributor AMCO licenses are required for the wholesale distribution of liquor products. Post-Federal legalization, the landscape of the marijuana industry will greatly change, and our Alaskan businesses may be negatively impacted if there are not some safeguards put in place. I believe that creating a limited entry distributor license, with a 24-month window for existing Alaskan licensees to be able to apply and obtain at no cost, would force out of state operators to engage with our Alaskan businesses in order to gain access to the Alaskan marketplace. This layer of protection offered by distributor licenses ensures that post Federal legalization, large out of state corporations cannot come into Alaska and dominate the Alaskan marketplace with no need to contract or do business with existing marijuana licensees. Allowing for 24 months of existing marijuana operators to become distributors gives our existing Alaskan licensees a leg up, without running afoul of the interstate commerce clause. If we create this new license type, big corporations will have to engage in business with our existing Alaskan licensees to compliantly get access to marijuana and marijuana products, because all Marijuana and Marijuana Products would have to be “distributed” through a licensed marijuana distributor.

Much of the infrastructure needed to support distributor licenses already exists. Licensees are already required to submit a transportation plan during the initial licensing process, and Metrc creates trip manifests which accompany marijuana in transit. Both of these structures can be easily adapted to meet new licensing requirements.

Let me be clear, I absolutely believe we still need a capped licensed system in Alaska to protect Alaskans’ investments and to create an industry where locally owned businesses can survive. I also believe we should cap the number of licenses owned by one entity or person(s). I feel if this does not happen, Alaska will fail to protect its only Alaskan owned industry and that would be a huge disservice. Therefore, I present this distributor concept with the understanding that capping the licenses has its pros, cons, supporters, and dissenters, and that little traction or discourse on the topic has occurred, at the very least this proposal will provide some economic protection to existing licensees. Additionally, even when one does not consider the impact Federal Legalization will have on this industry, creating a distributor license type has business benefits to existing operators. When federal



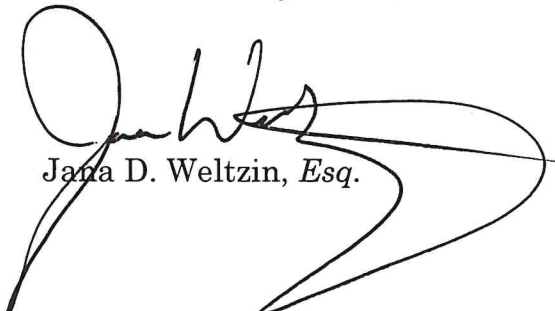
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legalization happens, and it will happen, small Alaskan businesses will be forced to compete with multi-million dollar corporations, who will be able to over saturate the market with product grown and produced at much lower costs, driving down prices to fractions, until they force mom n' pop shops out of business. This will be especially harmful to local cultivators and manufacturers, as large corporations will be able to ship in vast quantities of cannabis and sell directly to retail stores. Small producers, who are unable to compete with low overseas wages, increased regulatory oversight, and bulk discounts, will be cut out of the market. Mom n' Pop businesses are a cornerstone of the Alaska economy, circulating money directly back into their local economies, supporting local businesses, and local causes. Small business owners eventually retire, staying in Alaska and supporting our diverse economy. Outside corporations send their profits to out-of-state and foreign shareholders, draining money from Alaska. Force these out-of-state operators to engage in meaningful business with our Alaskan licensees by creating the license type "Distributors" – require all marijuana and marijuana products that come from out of the state after Federal legalization to only come through via the use of Distributors.

Your role as regulators is to regulate this industry in a manner that protects health, families and public safety, foster business growth and diversification of our economy. You cannot fulfill this role if small businesses are quashed by outside investments. To be part of the solution vs. part of the problem, the regulations need to be amended in a manner that will require out-of-state importers to be accountable.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your continued hard work, dedication, and commitment to the success of this regulated industry.

Truly and Sincerely Yours,



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**From:** [CED AMCO Marijuana Handler \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana card  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 10:26:47 AM

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**From:** Charlie Hastings <cwh5427@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2021 4:04 AM  
**To:** CED AMCO Marijuana Handler (CED sponsored) <marijuana.handler@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Marijuana card

Dear Sirs

Why is it that the Seasoned Handler in the AK Marijuana Industry..is being subjected to .. what appears to be a Duplication of Effort..(and all the different requirements)..as if that Handler was applying for a totally new licence??

Many of us feel this is way to much Govt. Overreach..way to much!. AND SUCH A WASTE OF BOTH PARTIES TIME.. EFFORT .. AND MONEY!

I get it.. for a brand new card..no problem..  
Jump thru all the Hoops.. is just the requirements..to be employed by the Industry..Fair Enough!

You would now have everything pertinent..ON FILE..for each INDIVIDUAL HANDLER..so all that should be Required of Handler.. AT RENEWAL TIME .. IS HANDLER SUBMITS THEIR RENEWAL FEE..not submit all the info that was required of the Handler in the very beginning ... just to renew their licence??(This borders .. ON THE UBSURD .. to many of us Handlers..IN THE INDUSTRY)

The Computer system should be programmed..(which would be SUPER SIMPLE)..TO FLAG ..any Law Breaker Handlers .. Employed in the Industry .. that are trying to renew. (WE ARE NOT TRYING TO "REINVENT THE WHEEL" ..IN WHAT SHOULD BE SUCH A SIMPLE PROCESS ..JUST TO RENEW...)

Streamlining the process is simple..why why..cant your I T DIVISION...SIMPLIFY IT?

It appears your IT Div. .."cant see the Forest because of the Trees".....

As it stands currently..I cant work..as my Handler Licence.. expired today...

This is not Fair to any of us..when the Solution is so simple! Simplifying the renewal Process..would be so VERY EASY!!

IM SPEAKING FOR HUNDREDS IN THE INDUSTRY .. THAT ARE TOTALLY DISCOURAGED WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA...(AND THE VINTAGE PROCESS) TO SIMPLY RENEW THEIR HANDLER LICENCE...

Please call or email me.. ASAP!

Thank you

Charlie Hastings

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**From:** [Marijuana Licensing \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#); [AMCO Admin \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Marijuana Licensing \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 26946- Licensee Comment for Next MCB, pls.  
**Date:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 11:11:46 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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See below for licensee comment on potential upcoming regulations: Ban on importation of marijuana.

Please let me know if there is anything additional I should do when receiving comments like these.

Thanks,

*Randi Baker*

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- 2/28/21 at 11:59PM – deadline for 2021/2022 renewal applications and all fees to be emailed/postmarked/dropped off in order to avoid expiration of the liquor license and mandatory cessation of alcohol sale, service, manufacture, and/or storage at the establishment per AS 04.11.540.
- 3/12/21 at 11:59PM – new, transfer, 2021/2022 renewal applications and all required corrections must be deemed complete by an AMCO Examiner to be considered for next ABC meeting scheduled for March 30, 2021.

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**Subject:** Re: 26946- Mj-04

As for the importation of outside marijuana product.



I believe for Alaska to protect the interest of Alaskans, and especially the interest of small craft cultivations and small scale cultivations the state would need to implement restrictions or taxes to protect the cultivations of the state. My thought is that any cultivation or retail would not be able to directly access marijuana products from out of state. That would protect the cultivators and the manufactures from having to compete with out of state marijuana. It is costly and would ultimately be very prohibitive for Alaskan cultivations to compete with marijuana from Oregon, Washington and California.

Now the State of Alaska has a thriving black market for concentrates currently. This is due in part to extremely high cultivation taxes on flower, and lower quality trim. But these taxes could be offset by allowing manufacturers to procure flower from out of state for a much lower price, the outdoor marijuana produced in Eastern Oregon, Washington and Northern California, for manufacturing. By allowing only the Manufacturers to buy from out of state, this would drive prices down in the Alaskan retail concentrate market and really drive the current black market out of business. The thought is manufacturers could then use flower for production and increase overall yields to counter the extreme costs of the taxes in the state of Alaska. It's just a thought, but I know Brandon Emmitt has discussed the growth and size of the black market and the need to combat the black market in Alaska. By only allowing concentrates licenses the ability to procure product for manufacturing the cost of production should go down, and that should pass on the customer in the form of a better product for a lower retail price. This in turn should compete with or beat current black market prices of \$40 a gram for product you see in retail shops for \$60-80 a gram. Only allowing manufacturing licenses to deal out of state would also protect cultivations and retails from being flooded by "Corporate" marijuana from corporations who have product and brands in the lower 48. As we move closer to legalization federally, the corporate giants are eagerly waiting, but if we let, say Coors, or RJ Reynolds, or large corporate MJ shops from Washington or California start buying up licenses in Alaska and then shipping product from their operations in the lower 48 because it is cheaper to produce flower and other products. Well that could really hurt the small cannabis cultivators and even some of the larger cultivators and retailers. Competition is great, but Alaska has challenges with logistics and Alaskans money would flow out of the state if the board or legislator doesn't protect Alaskan business owners a little.

Well those are my thoughts, Just thought I would pass them on

Chad Ragsdale

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**From:** [Nunya Business](#)  
**To:** [Marijuana\\_CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** Lack of action on Great Northern Cannabis purposely selling moldy cannabis to the public is inexcusable  
**Date:** Monday, February 8, 2021 4:26:19 PM

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Director Klinkhart, AMCO board members and anyone who is paying attention:

I am writing to address the absolutely disgraceful lack of action on the part of AMCO regarding the purposeful actions of Great Northern Cannabis that led to them knowingly selling 100 pounds of moldy cannabis to the public with complete disregard for human health, regulatory compliance, reputable business practices or the reputation of the industry. Not only did they know about the moldy product, they went to great lengths to deliberately deceive AMCO and cannabis consumers and assure that this product would go undetected and be sold to the public.

In this case, the largest shareholder of the company openly admitted (on tape) to an unbelievable amount of violations and reprehensible actions including (but not limited to):

- Submitting known samples of different cannabis in lieu of the cannabis in question in order to get favorable test results for product that they knew was moldy. in short - they faked the test.
- Falsifying manifests in order to transport those samples
- Falsifying package totals in METRC in order to create the packages for testing (of both the moldy product and the substituted product)
- Falsely representing subsequent test results as those for the moldy cannabis
- Knowingly misrepresenting one strain as another to the public
- Purposely transferring known moldy cannabis to their retail locations
- Selling known moldy cannabis to the public with no regard for human health or safety.
- Presenting high THC cannabis as low THC, high CBD cannabis which had noticeable effects on an unsuspecting end user.

They did all of this for no other reason than purely for profit. That's it. Profit over human health. Profit over regulatory compliance. Profit over the trust of the industry. These are just a few of the violations openly admitted to by the company Vice President and largest shareholder. There are many more violations that go hand in hand with purposely perpetrating this kind of deception. In the recording, it was made clear that this wasn't the action of one person. Multiple members of upper management and owners had knowledge of this and were complicit in these actions. According to their VP, even their attorney had knowledge. A collective corporate "thumbs up" occurred to commit to a course of action that could harm the end consumer.

These actions came to light in May, 2020. As of this date, ten months later, exactly nothing has been done to hold Great Northern Cannabis accountable in any way. AMCO has certainly taken away the licenses of other marijuana operations for much lesser and less dangerous infractions. The fact that Great Northern is still allowed to continue in business is baffling. Public knowledge that some of the shareholders of Great Northern have a certain amount of political clout really puts your lack of response under a cloud of suspicion. Is this how it works? If you know the right people, you can avoid accountability? This may or may not be true, but you should be aware that this is how it is perceived by a large portion of the public and a vast segment of the marijuana industry.

And remember – the proof of this is all on tape. It really doesn't get any easier to hold someone accountable and there is no excuse whatsoever for not doing so. Here is a link to most of the recording just in case you need a refresher. [https://www.reddit.com/r/anchorage/comments/ggqvgv/audio\\_on\\_great\\_northern\\_cannabis\\_admitting\\_to/](https://www.reddit.com/r/anchorage/comments/ggqvgv/audio_on_great_northern_cannabis_admitting_to/)

Your credibility as a governing body is at stake here. If this kind of purposeful and patently dangerous disregard for AMCO regulations, the law, consumer safety and the reputation of the industry isn't met with incredibly severe consequences, there is really no reason whatsoever for any company to follow any AMCO regulation, ever.

Truly, why have AMCO at all? To collect revenue in the form of hassling business about how they shred their garbage? To hold honest performers responsible for their typos in METRC? If Great Northern can admittedly take purposeful action that breaks a host of AMCO regulations in order to put the public at risk for the sake of money and still be allowed to operate, why on Earth would any self respecting cannabis company take a single marijuana regulation seriously? The message is simple - if you make more money by going around or subverting AMCO regulations, go for it. There really is no consequence. If you don't do something about this, then please don't pretend to be looking out for the best interests or the safety of the consumer.

Signed,

A tremendously concerned proponent of the marijuana industry.

**From:** [Bryson Rudd](#)  
**To:** [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Amendment to regulations  
**Date:** Friday, February 12, 2021 11:18:00 AM

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Dear esteemed board members,

In light of some recent information, I am writing to request that the board consider an addition/amendment to 3 AAC 306.350 such that the Marijuana Handler Permit be considered adequate ID for the purchase of Marijuana and Marijuana products. These are state issued with photos, birthdates, and expiration dates, and not to mention are required to even work in the industry. What's essentially being said is this permit gives you the right to handle, process, and, even sale cannabis all day long, but the moment you're off, you can't purchase it if you've happened to leave your main identification elsewhere. I thank you for your attention to this issue.

Thanks,  
Bryson Rudd

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [dollynda Phelps](#)  
**Cc:** [CED AMCO Enforcement \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Marijuana Licensing \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Comments regarding transportation allowances  
**Date:** Friday, February 19, 2021 10:17:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [Advisory-MCB-Transportation 2-17-21.pdf](#)

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Good morning, Dollynda,

This week, the Marijuana Control Board voted to keep valid the interpretation regarding handoffs and overnight stops (see attached). The board will reconsider this specific matter at their March 31-April 1, 2021 meeting. Regarding your suggestion of incorporating the interpretations into regulation, this email will be forwarded to the board's marijuana email box. The board will have the opportunity to review your comment at their March/April meeting.

Thank you

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**Subject:** Comments regarding transportation allowances

Greetings,

Recently, there were certain COVID 19 mandate allowances that have expired pertaining to the transportation of marijuana and marijuana products. As a cultivator, I would like to express the great need there is in our industry to keep these allowances on the books and adopt them into regulations. It is imperative to the success and viability of the marijuana industry in Alaska.

- 1) Picking up from multiple licensees at one location at the same time.
- 2) Performing a "hand-off" of product from one agent or licensee to another outside of a facility, as long as it is included on the route in the manifest and all parties sign the manifest appropriately.
- 3) Hub overnight at a hotel – Currently, my transport company AK Canna

Connection, acting as an "agent" as currently defined in 3AAC 306.990(2), notifies James Hoelscher of location and duration of overnight hub for any product being transported. There have been no unsuccessful manifests and no diversion of product I am aware of due to this currently used practice.

See 3AAC 306.990 (2) "agent"

(A) means a representative who is authorized to act for a licensee, the board, or the director;

(B) includes a contractor or subcontractor;

I strongly urge the Marijuana Control Board to permanently adopt regulations that will continue to allow the successful and cost effective transport of marijuana products across our great state. As we all know, Alaska is unique. I like to say we are "geographically challenged", in that there are often great distances of desolate landscape between towns, villages, and cities. Please recognize the success we have had, creatively and safely overcoming these challenges.

I thank you for your time and consideration,

Dollynda Phelps

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**Cc:** [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Covid curb side service  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 6:50:16 AM

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That is odd bc there are more cases in Alaska and in the mat su valley than when the curbside rule was enacted. So are you claiming that the pandemic is over in Alaska? According to the covid map Alaska is still in the "high" designation which means widespread community transmission. And i'll add that the new covid-19 variants have been detected in the state which are even more contagious. The revocation of the curbside rule seems contrary to the reasoning it was set up in the first place as case counts are even higher than when it was enacted. This reply still does not answer my question of why the rule was revoked.

Thank you

Geoff Pfeiffer

On Mon, Mar 1, 2021 at 11:41 AM CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored)  
<[amco.regs@alaska.gov](mailto:amco.regs@alaska.gov)> wrote:

Good morning, Geoff,

The regulation that allowed for curbside/window pick-up of marijuana or marijuana product was implemented as an emergency regulation by the board due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The emergency regulation was dependent upon there being a state health emergency declaration in place due to Covid-19 (this was written in the language of the emergency regulation) which now there is not, therefore, the practice of curbside/window pick-up is no longer active.

I have copied the Marijuana Control Board's email box here, and they will be able to see your comments/questions at their next regular board meeting.

Respectfully,

Jane P. Sawyer, Regulations Specialist

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**Subject:** Covid curb side service

Hello,

This week I learned that the marijuana store I go to in Houston, Alaska no longer is able to bring the product out to my car as a safeguard against covid. One of the reasons marijuana was legalized in Alaska was because people needed it for its medical benefits; for example cancer. Now I understand that curbside service has been revoked. This is disappointing because now the people have to risk going inside and getting infected with covid or infecting the good people employed inside the building. This puts people at high risk who depend on the healing benefits from marijuana in danger of catching covid.

Why did this get revoked? What is the reason? Do the good people on the Alaska marijuana board think the pandemic is over? Or maybe they don't believe in science. Please reply and give the reason why the boards have revoked the curbside pick up rule and put Alaskans in danger.

Geoff Pfeiffer

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**From:** [CED AMCO REGS \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**To:** [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please consider making hand-offs regarding transportation of cannabis permanent  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 1:00:24 PM

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Please add this email for the board.

Thank you  
Jane

**From:** Lisa Coates <907maryjane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 2, 2021 12:47 PM  
**To:** CED AMCO REGS (CED sponsored) <amco.regs@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Please consider making hand-offs regarding transportation of cannabis permanent

Dear Marijuana Control Board,

Thank you for making some emergency regulations to help us remain safe during the pandemic. The emergency regulation that allowed for hand-offs of cannabis in areas outside of a licensed premise was a godsend in our opinion. The size of our state, lack of extensive road system, and timeliness of getting products from A to B take transportation logistics to a whole different level to say the least.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [Dennis Lavigne](#)  
**To:** [Marijuana Licensing \(CED sponsored\)](#); [Klinkhart, Glen Edward \(CED\)](#); [Marijuana, CED ABC \(CED sponsored\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Licensing Delays  
**Date:** Monday, March 8, 2021 10:02:58 AM

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Hello,

I am checking in once again, as it has been yet another month that has passed and I haven't heard a single word about anyone reviewing my application for retail license #28012. Surely you must have a license examiner who can actually read my application and let me know if it is even complete. There is a board meeting coming up and I am having a hard time understanding why no one is getting back to me and why I can't be on a meeting agenda by now. It is clear that no one in your offices has any idea the negative financial impact on licensees when we have to wait so long to get these businesses up and running, not to mention the lost tax revenue for the government. I am literally sitting here paying all of these monthly expenses on my store location without having any sort of income from it. I have a list of people waiting to be employed, but who I can't hire yet. You all have got to find a better way to move applications through the system. I'm not trying to be annoying to you all, but I feel that if I don't keep sending these emails then I will just be another application that falls through the cracks for months to a year, and I have no intention of letting that happen. I am standing by to hear from you, and not just another excuse about being short-staffed.

Thanks for your time,

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On Fri, Feb 5, 2021 at 10:45 AM Dennis Lavigne <[denny@akmasonjar.com](mailto:denny@akmasonjar.com)> wrote:

Hello,

It has been a month since my application for retail license #28012 was submitted. I haven't heard any word back on anyone reviewing it to deem it complete, and was told I am 66th in the queue. Meanwhile, we are spending thousands of dollars a month in rent to secure our store location. It is beyond frustrating that it takes this long just to review the paperwork, let alone get on a board meeting agenda. If the queue is this backed up, why is the board only meeting every other month? Why not meet more frequently, at least until the backlog is taken care of? Your office consistently gives excuses about being understaffed, yet there are people all over this state in need of work. Our state's economy is headed toward shambles due to COVID, loss of tourism revenue, and oil shutdowns, making the tax revenue from the marijuana industry even more vitally important at this time. The sooner we are up and running, the better for everyone. It is absurd that a state agency like AMCO can get away with not doing the work it is assigned to do in any sort of timely fashion. I am speaking here not only on behalf of myself, but on behalf of the 60-some other applicants in the queue

- this is unacceptable! Please provide an update as to what your office and the MCB is doing to move things forward.

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