December 30, 2020
Via email to: amco.regs@alaska.gov

Subject: Amended - Public Comment on 3 AAC 306 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with COVID-19 outbreak

Dear Honorable Marijuana Control Board Members,

The Marijuana Control Board proposes to adopt regulation changes in 3 AAC.306 with regard to the COVID-19 outbreak and exterior window and curbside pickup service.

We support this regulation change as written.

We have observed that window/curbside service has and would continue to:

- Provide convenience, especially for customers with physical disabilities/injuries or those who are parents to young children.
- Help prevent transmission of Covid-19 at retail stores as it requires shopping online or calling ahead to place an order; delivery of the product happens outside the main store at the customer's car.

This allowance has been in place for most of the summer and fall and has worked well without a public safety incident as far as we have been made aware. The AMIA has members who have explored this option and have had a satisfactory result and would like to continue this practice into the foreseeable future or as long as the public health emergency continues. To be clear, we are not advocating that curbside/window pickup be made permanent but support the allowance for the duration of the state of emergency. A permanent change for this type of operation would need considerable vetting and public input before the industry association could possibly take a position.

We appreciate the diligence of the control board in crafting and renewing policies that serve to protect the public health, and we want to assure our regulators that we will take this new option seriously and respect our duty to keep our businesses upstanding.

Lastly, the AMIA would like to extend our gratitude to the AMCO staff and the Marijuana Control Board for your hard work, time, and dedication to our Industry.

Respectfully,

Alaska Marijuana Industry Association
Board of Directors & Governance Committee