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Alaska Marijuana Control Board

Cover Sheet for Marijuana Establishment Applications

What is this form?

This cover sheet **must** be completed and submitted any time a document, payment, or other marijuana establishment application item is emailed, mailed, or hand-delivered to AMCO's main office.

Items that are submitted without this page will be returned in the manner in which they were received.

Section 1 – Establishment Information

Enter information for the business seeking to be licensed, as identified on the license application.

Licensee:	AK BUSH BUDS, LLC.	**License Number:**	10305		
License Type:	Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility				
Doing Business As:	AK BUSH BUDS, LLC.				
Physical Address:	Mile 82.5 Richardson Highway				
City:	Copper Center	**State:**	AK	**Zip Code:**	99573
Designated Licensee:					
Email Address:	summitsina1@yahoo.com				

Section 2 – Attached Items

List all documents, payments, and other items that are being submitted along with this page.

Attached Items:

Dear AMCO:

Please find for filing my clients response to letter of objection filed 6/15/2016.

OFFICE USE ONLY					
Received Date:		Payment Submitted Y/N:		Transaction #:	

July 14, 2016

RE: Response to Objection Filed as to License No. 10305: AK Bush Buds, LLC.

Dear AMCO:

My name is Thomas Suter, and I am writing in response to the letter of opposition lodged against AK Bush Buds, LLC, (License No. 10305). I have reviewed 3 AAC 306 in its entirety along with my attorney, and I have found no legal reason not to proceed with my business plan for a limited marijuana cultivation facility.

The objection lodged by Mr. Brian Stevenson is one soaked in personal opinion and not legal argument or legal justification. While I can appreciate his prior positions as an Alaska State Trooper and security officer, I can dismiss his concerns easily because nothing in my business plan is contrary to the laws of the state in which we live or those established by AMCO. Mr. Stevenson would like the board to think that I am somehow partially responsible for the past issues with illegal activity in the area or that I may distribute marijuana to children. I do not engage in illegal or illicit behavior, and the placement of my proposed business does nothing to encourage crime in the surrounding area. In fact, it will reduce crime around where we live based on the number of surveillance cameras installed inside and outside of the proposed premises including perimeter alarms as required. I would not have come this far in the process if I did not intend to fully comply all regulations placed upon the industry.

As to children and marijuana, this is an adult over 21 years of age activity. This product is not for children. Nor will it be given, sold or otherwise distributed to children in any manner, shape or form. To do so would be illegal. Sales will only occur to lawful licensed marijuana buyers as licensed through the State of Alaska. This is not a retail marijuana dispensary, where that could possibly occur. This facility should it be licensed in not open to the public. The entire building will be a restricted access area. I feel that co-locating a limited cultivation facility at my place of residence, is proper under the cultivation laws that are in place to allow what I have proposed.

The opinions expressed by Mr. Stevenson are his personal subjective opinions. He states no legal basis that would foreclose my plans to run a limited cultivation facility. I do all I can to be a good neighbor and have good relations with all those around me. I foster good relations with my neighbors and intend to keep doing so. It is unfortunate that Mr. Stevenson did not take the time to contact me, speak with me directly, or discuss his personal concerns prior to submitting what I believe to be unfounded objections.

One reason the economy of the Copper River Basin is so poor is that we do not produce any products that can be exported to Anchorage, Fairbanks or anywhere throughout the state. This would allow us, in turn, to bring money from there to our community to be spent with our local businesses. This increases our economic base as a whole. I believe anytime we can produce a product that can be sold in the cities and the money brought back here and spent locally with our businesses is great for our community and local economy. Encouraging lawful business growth and development will further stimulate the need for local employment in this area where unemployment remains one of the highest in the state.

Even though the Copper River Basin is an unorganized borough, I will still have to pay state taxes on my product produced and sold. This should further help the state in reducing its already ever growing budget deficit. Perhaps it will help us as residents of this state from having to start paying state income taxes once again or the loss of our permanent fund dividend checks as the state is proposing?

I have been running a business here in the basin, first as an auto shop and then a trucking business for approximately the last 30 years and have been a Copper River Basin resident for over 46 years. I am dedicated and committed to this community and its success.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely Yours,

Thomas Sutor
d/b/a AK Bush Buds, LLC.