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Dear Marijuana Control Board members and staff:

The Alaska Marijuana Industry Association exists to serve its members and industry. We are here to advocate for change, endorse sound policies, and comment when an issue or concern arises. This statement is to serve as a respectful request to the Marijuana Control Board and staff that it would be most appreciated if the conversations on the record could stay within the charge of the board. We have observed on occasion, from some but not all members, that the dialogue in board meetings, specifically during questioning of licensees or potential licensees, crosses over into an area that is frankly outside the charge of the board.

The charge of the board as provided in HB123, residing in AS 17.38.080, and described by the Governor's Office, declares that "The board shall control the cultivation, manufacture, and sale of marijuana in the state."

The Marijuana Control Board is a regulatory body with quasi-judicial powers. We do not believe this authority

gives the board the right to pursue questions or information, or insinuate unethical behavior around topics such as landlord/tenant relationships, or licensee's other business ventures or professional licenses. Unless questioning is pertinent to vetting the merits and completeness of any required application component, the Board should not speculate.

For the merits of licensee approval to be established, the Board should not require in-depth analysis of who is the landlord, or how much they are making from renting the premises if the chosen location is zoned for a marijuana business.

One particularly troubling line of questioning related to an applicant's medical practice and the insinuation that there was a future violation or unethical situation that was going to occur. The hypothetical dynamic inferred was in no way relevant to the approval of this license and only served to cause unnecessary concerns of medical impropriety.

Also, the Board should not make comments regarding the corporate structure that the licensee chooses to use if it is a legal one.

The members of the industry are appreciative of everything that the board and the staff at AMCO have done for the cannabis industry in Alaska and we trust the relationship

the AMIA has established with all involved parties will serve us well in expressing our concerns.

Thank you again for all the hard work.

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