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Subject: House Bill 1230

March 26, 2019

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to voice my support for HB1230, creating statewide MJ Hospitality Establishment guidelines. I am the President of the Colorado Springs City Council and represent the District 3 in Colorado Springs, where our two legal licensed Cannabis Hospitality Establishments currently exist. I am also a small business owner with my wife Patricia -- we own a bookstore, restaurant, cafe and toy store in downtown Colorado Springs.

I am supporting this bill for two reasons. One, as an elected official, I would like to have State guidelines for the City of Colorado Springs to use to have a safe place for tourists and residents to consume Cannabis in a public setting. Like many other communities in Colorado, we have a problem with unsupervised public MJ consumption. It happens a hundred times a night in parking lots, in smoking sections of bars and on our streets. Worse, impaired drivers are endangering other citizens on our streets.

There is currently not place for residents or tourists to consume cannabis under any kind of supervision. This bill will allow the clubs we license and new ones in the future to manage their customers in much the same way I do as a restaurant/bar owner at ours businesses. We ID everyone, serve our customers no more two drinks and we don't allow them to drive home inebriated (sometimes taking their keys away from them and calling the police). In addition, we let them know how strong the drinks they are ordering are and offer to serve them food before they leave. We also have our employees go through training to make sure we comply with all alcohol laws from the State of Colorado. This same model should be used for cannabis consumption. It will only make our streets and cannabis consumers safer.

The second reason I am supporting this bill is from the standpoint of a small business owner. As you probably know, Colorado Springs opted out of retail recreational marijuana sales. And because of that, the cannabis hospitality establishments we have have not been able to sell small amounts of cannabis to their customers. They are strictly "bring your own" businesses. They can only charge admission and then sell food or drinks to make their profit. We have harnessed these small business owners with an untenable business model. If they could sell small amounts to their customers, they could also educate them on how to consume safely and not drive while impaired. It is difficult for them to have those same controls when customers bring their own. And there just isn't a way for them to make their businesses viable.

I want to express that I am not speaking for anyone else on the Colorado Springs City Council, only myself. I hope you support HB1230. It's long overdue.

Sincerely,

Richard Skorman
President of Colorado Springs City Council
Owner Poor Richards/Little Richards and Ricos

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