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Dear Director Beatty, Administrator Barbour, and Members of the EAIC:

Over the past few months, we have received substantial stakeholder feedback regarding the current lack of cannabis testing capacity in Montana. As you know, the entire cannabis industry is presently reliant on a single testing facility to meet state regulatory requirements.

While that lab has made a good-faith effort to keep pace with demand, it has inevitably fallen behind. This backlog is making it difficult for cannabis businesses to keep products on store shelves. The limited product that does remain available is often not what consumers are seeking, leading to significant supply and demand imbalances in the market.

We understand that industry representatives have already reached out to you requesting emergency rulemaking to temporarily increase the allowable batch size for testing until another licensed facility capable of pesticide testing comes online. This interim adjustment could reduce the current lab's workload, enabling it to certify and release compliant product more quickly and stabilize the market in the short term.

Given the scale of the current bottleneck and its impact on both businesses and consumers, we urge you to give this request immediate consideration. A temporary adjustment to batch sizes is a reasonable, targeted step that will alleviate supply chain strain while preserving the scientific integrity of Montana's testing standards. Time is of the essence, and every week of delay compounds the problem for producers, retailers, and their customers.

We respectfully ask that you act swiftly to implement this change until additional testing capacity becomes available. Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and we look forward to your reply.

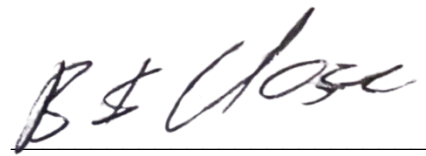
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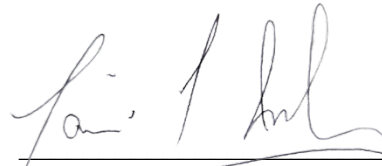
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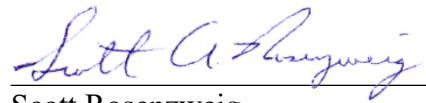
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