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October 2, 2025

TO: Brendan Beatty, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)
FROM: Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC)
RE: Administrative Rulemaking Relating to Cannabis Testing

Director Beatty,

At its October 2, 2025, meeting, the EAIC heard concerns from stakeholders relating to a backlog in cannabis sample testing. The testimony generally focused on adjustments to DOR's administrative rules and standard operating procedures relating to batch size requirements. Testimony also discussed DOR's need to consider impacts on small businesses and the cannabis industry in any changes to cannabis testing requirements. Additionally, the EAIC understands that DOR will be publishing a rule notice in the October 10, 2025, Montana Administrative Register (Issue 19), which seeks to alleviate stakeholder concerns. The EAIC has not reviewed this rule notice at this preliminary state in the process.

After considering the testimony of all parties and understanding that a rulemaking process is forthcoming, the EAIC has voted to support DOR in this process. The EAIC appreciates the department's willingness to listen to public comment, address concerns, and craft rules that ensure regulation of the cannabis industry that is consistent with the purposes outlined by the Legislature in section 16-12-101, MCA, of the Montana Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act.

The EAIC looks forward to reviewing the rule notice at its next meeting in November.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Ler".

Brandon Ler
Chair, Economic Affairs Interim Committee