

August 19, 2022

Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Chair Tremaine S. Wright
Cannabis Control Board
1360 Fulton Street, Suite 417
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Dear Governor Hochul and Chair Wright:

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that you, as Governor of the State of New York and Chair of the Cannabis Control Board, act as quickly as possible and prepare the State of New York for the legalization of marijuana in January of 2023 by establishing rules and regulations and support necessary legislation that, include, but are not limited to the following:

- Prohibit the sale or delivery of any candy products and packaging resembling candy containing THC in the state;
- Establish potency levels for all cannabis products;
- Develop and implement a comprehensive education campaign regarding the dangers of underage cannabinoid use as quickly as possible;
- Appoint a member of law enforcement and/or a prosecutor to the Cannabis Control Board;
- Permit municipalities to Opt Out of dispensaries and lounges even after they Opt In;
- Expressly prohibit smoking cannabis in public at state parks and beaches and increase the penalties for violators;
- Increase the penalty for possessing a fake medical marijuana card and/or fake or mutilated Driver Identification cards from any state;
- Research and publish the number of Drug Recognition Experts (“DRE”) trained for marijuana by County;
- Increase the number of DRE's in every county by January 2023; and
- Permit the use of Opioid Settlement money for individuals with Marijuana Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery.

Signed,

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Member of the Assembly
122nd Assembly District

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Member of the Assembly
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