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Dear President Pro Tempore Campbell and Speaker Smith,

Pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 601, we are requesting permission for the Joint Committee on Justice Oversight to meet during adjournment for an additional six meetings for the purpose of examining legalization and regulation of marijuana.

These issues are clearly important to Vermonters and we would like to continue the conversation in hopes of developing a modern approach to marijuana policy that reflects the values, culture, and scale of Vermont. Our goal will be to develop a comprehensive approach to marijuana that addresses prevention and education for youth, possession and cultivation for adults 21 years of age or older, and a regulatory and revenue system for an adult-use marijuana market that, when compared to the current illegal marijuana market, increases public safety and reduces harm to public health.

We respectfully request that you approve the additional meetings and approve the members of the Committee receiving per diem compensation and expense reimbursement for those meetings.

Sincerely,

Sen. Richard Sears, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary

Rep. Maxine Jo Grad, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary