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April 8, 2019

Representative Maxine Grad, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

Dear Maxine:

As you know, the House Committee on Government Operations is currently considering S.54, An act relating to the regulation of cannabis, that creates a new regulatory and licensing system for commercial cannabis production and sale. We request that the Committee on Judiciary assist us with our work by looking at Sec. 20 of the bill, which clarifies the rules for sharing cannabis between adults 21 years of age and older, as well as provisions in the bill regarding criminal history background checks, and letting us know your thoughts and any recommended changes.

The proposal from the Senate does not contain any language addressing roadway safety. As the Committee on Judiciary is the committee that historically has had jurisdiction on issues related to impaired driving and the constitutional issues that are implicated, we ask that you consider the current advisability of some type of legislation addressing saliva testing for possible inclusion in our committee amendment.

Our committee intends to begin marking up the bill on Tuesday, April 16 and respectfully requests that you forward your comments to us by that time. Thank you for your consideration of these issues, and we look forward to working together.

Sincerely,

Sarah Copeland-Hanzas, Chair
House Committee on Government Operations