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Dear Members of the House Government Operations Committee,

The Great Lake Cannabis Chamber of Commerce is an organization that represents only licensed members under the Facilities Licensing Act and the Taxation and Regulation of Marihuana Initiative. We write today in strong support of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 18 to oppose draft Marijuana Regulatory Agency rules which would mandate so-called “Labor Peace Agreements” as a condition of licensure for medical and adult-use marijuana business licenses in Michigan.

The Marihuana industry in Michigan has been in a state of flux for the last three years, with multiple changes happening as it moves from a semi-grey market to a legitimate industry serving both medical and recreational users. The Great Lakes Cannabis Chamber of Commerce sees the new rule set as further barriers to entry, creating inconsistency with testing standards, and home deliveries without local control and regulation which leads to exploitation by drug dealers to move illegal drugs unchecked by local law enforcement.

The GLCCOC commends the department for taking on such an enormous task as regulating an industry in flux but we recommend making the rules between the two industries as consistent as possible and allowing the industry to have some consistency before we keep changing the goal post. To that end, we are committed to working with the department to address these concerns.

We appreciate your consideration of this important matter and urge support of SCR 18 in opposition to government-mandated labor peace agreements.

Sincerely,

Great Lakes Cannabis Chamber of Commerce