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To: Michigan House Regulatory Reform Committee Clerk

Re: In Support of HB 5529

The Michigan cannabis industry has dealt with potency inflation, data manipulation, biased sampling, and outright fraud for too long. The patients and consumers of our industry deserve a regulatory agency that can ensure their protection. A state-operated reference lab would allow the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) to verify the accuracy of data generated and more effectively enforce their rules and regulations. However, the CRA must develop and utilize methodologies that are fit for purpose and must be open to feedback from the safety compliance facility operators that have been working with the cannabis matrix for years. Steadfast Labs unequivocally supports HB 5529 and the establishment of a state-operated reference lab as it would benefit all stakeholders, and promote a more transparent and equitable industry.

Sincerely,  
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