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Subject: Social Equity Program
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WSLCB Washington State Department of Commerce
1011 Plum St SE
Olympia, WA 98504

Subject: Social Equity in Cannabis Program (SSB 5080)

Rules Committee

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the continued inclusion of Certificate Holders in the Social Equity Program. I feel this program was specifically designed to address the historical injustices and systemic disparities faced by Black and Brown communities due to the War on Drugs including Cannabis. Allowing Certificate Holders to benefit from this program (SB5080) undermines the intent is a slap in the face and disrespects the trauma and struggles these communities have endured.

Certificate Holders do not represent the true victims of the War on Cannabis. Instead, these individuals and entities who have leveraged their resources to lobby for inclusion in a program never meant for them. These Certificate Holders have bypassed the fundamental intentions of the Social Equity Program which was created to provide opportunities for those directly impacted by the criminalization of Cannabis.

We urge you to take immediate action to remove Certificate Holders from the Social Equity Program. By doing so, we can honor the resilience of Black and Brown communities and uphold the principles of justice and equity that this program was founded upon.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Regards

Ricky Lee

Essential Lee Cannabis
Owner



PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

CONTACT INFORMATION *(please type or print)*

Petitioner's Name _____

Name of Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClist.htm>.

INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: _____

1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: _____

The rule is needed because: _____

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: _____

2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

I am requesting the following change: _____

This change is needed because: _____

The effect of this rule change will be: _____

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: _____

3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

(Check one or more boxes)

It does not do what it was intended to do.

It is no longer needed because: _____

It imposes unreasonable costs: _____

The agency has no authority to make this rule: _____

It is applied differently to public and private parties: _____

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: _____

It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: _____

Other (please explain): _____