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September 7, 2018

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: SB 1459 (Cannella) Cannabis: Provisional License - Request for Signature***

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to respectfully request your signature on SB 1459 (Cannella), which would allow state licensing agencies to issue provisional commercial cannabis licenses to businesses that hold a temporary state license for the same premises and the same activity, and that have an application pending with a local jurisdiction.

In line with CSAC's letter dated on September 5th, the County of Santa Barbara partners with the state in implementing Proposition 64 and the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA). Due to an incredibly high volume of applicants, the County is left with limited staff and resources and needs more time to process commercial cannabis cultivation license applications. Temporary state licenses for commercial cannabis are set to expire in January 2019. If additional time is not granted under the process in SB 1459, it could result in a major disruption to the supply chain in the commercial cannabis cultivation market. SB 1459 would help address this issue by allowing temporary cannabis cultivation licensees to apply for provisional annual licenses so long as certain conditions are met. The time frame for this provisional annual license would only last for one year until January 2020.

The County's 2018 Legislative Principles state that the County can and will collaborate with other institutions such as CSAC to work on mutually beneficial issues. For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests your signature on SB 1459 (Cannella).

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or [dbozanich@countyofsb.org](mailto:dbozanich@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,



Cliff Berg

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cc: The Honorable Senator Anthony Cannella, Author  
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