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To: <u>dencc - City Council</u>

Subject: Please vote "NO" on the proposed amendments and allow pending marijuana applications to continue to move

forward.

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10555 East 45th Avenue Denver, CO 80239 April 9, 2016

Honorable City Council Members Denver City Council Bldg 4685 Peoria St., Suite 245 Denver, CO 80239

Dear Denver City Council Members:

I am asking for your help with continuing the positive impact cannabis businesses have had in our lives and in our communities. I cordially request that you vote "No" on the proposed amendments by Councilwoman Ortega and allow pending marijuana applications to continue to move forward.

I'm a recently divorced woman in her 30's who believes hard work and great relationships within my community are crucial. This job provides me stability and paves my path forward allowing me to pay bills and resolve important personal matters such as debt stemming from my divorce. Looking ahead, the newly proposed amendments would threaten my livelihood and my job security in a very negative way. The benefits of having someone like me employed in this community not only help our District and our State's economy, but improve everybody's quality of life while keeping unemployment rates encouragingly low.

Cannabis Businesses are eager to allow pending applications to proceed through the approval process because of large investments made by companies like ours that would be lost if the applications are not allowed to continue through processing. Disallowing these applications to continue also threatens livelihoods and has a negative ripple effect on those employees who depend on these jobs to pay bills, student loans, and live normal productive lives as happy contributors to our communities.

When the benefits are so great and there is no harm done to existing businesses, it makes good sense to deny the amendments made by Councilwoman Ortega to Councilwoman Kniech's proposal

Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

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