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The Honorable Anna Caballero
State Capitol, Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1326 (Caballero): Cannabis Commerce: Support

Dear Senator Caballero,

On behalf of the County of Humboldt, I am pleased to offer our strong support of SB 1326.

California legalized cannabis for both medicinal and adult-use through the passage of Prop 64 (2016). However, state law currently limits commercial cannabis activities within California's borders, and prohibits California's cannabis licensees from engaging in interstate commerce. Historically, most of the cannabis grown in California was exported, up to 80% by some estimates, and this prohibition has consequently left many California cannabis growers with no viable pathway into the legal, regulated market.

Federal law currently prohibits all cannabis activities - personal or commercial - and does not distinguish between interstate activities and those occurring entirely within one state's borders. However, this does not prevent a state from choosing to legalize some or all cannabis activities under its own state laws, regardless of where those activities occur. As many as 18 states have legalized recreational use of cannabis, and 37 states allow medicinal use. Despite the bipartisan momentum to decriminalize and legalize cannabis at the federal level, none have gained traction. Coordinated action by states that have legalized cannabis, and the development of a sensible and secure multi-state legal cannabis market, can provide support for a policy shift and help guide the federal conversation in future years.

SB1326 (Caballero) would allow the cross jurisdictional import and export to other states, of cannabis and cannabis products by authorizing the Governor to enter into an agreement to provide lawful interstate commerce. This would allow the transportation and delivery of cannabis across state lines by cannabis producers and wholesalers. SB 1326 requires the agreement to include public health, safety, and labeling standards, a system to regulate and track cannabis items, collection of applicable taxes, and that out of state cannabis items delivered to California be tested, packaged, and labeled in compliance with California state law.

For these reasons, SB1326 (Caballero) would allow the Cannabis community of Humboldt County to distribute their product on a larger scale allowing for financial liberation from the current market and federal restrictions. Therefore, we support SB 1326 (Caballero) and encourage your "aye" vote when it is heard in your committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Virginia Bass, Chair
County of Humboldt