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January 11, 2021

The Honorable Anna Caballero
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 59 (Caballero) Cannabis licenses. – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support your bill SB 59, which would extend the repeal date of provisional cannabis license provisions to July 1, 2028.

The Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA), until January 1, 2022, authorizes a licensing authority, like the County, to issue a provisional cannabis license if an applicant has submitted a completed license application to the licensing authority, including evidence that compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or local cannabis ordinances is underway.

Monterey County is working to get applicants, properties and businesses permitted, however it is proving to take much longer for various reasons. SB 59 would be very helpful to ensure the County can get applicants permitted for provisional cannabis licenses.

For these reasons, Monterey County strongly supports SB 28 (Caballero). Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

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Wendy Root Askew
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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