



Thursday, May 11, 2023

The Honorable Zach Stephenson

Via email: Rep.Zack.Stephenson@house.mn.gov

The Honorable Lindsey Port

Via email: Sen.Lindsey.Port@senate.mn

Cc: Via email: HF 100 Conference Committee Members

Dear Senator Port, Representative Stephenson, and members of the Conference Committee:

Without the needed transparency and public participation in discussion by the Conference Committee around the bill over the past two weeks, it has been extremely challenging for stakeholders to properly comment on, and identify, provisions that need to be fixed to make this bill work for all Minnesotans.

On behalf of Plift, we submit this written testimony urging the two of you, and the other members of the Cannabis Conference Committee, to correct two specific issues in the Article 7 - Temporary Regulations which were only just released after 8PM on Thursday May 11, 2023.

First, please strike everything after and including the “and” at 6.27 and 6.28. Alternatively, please replace “total of 0.25 milligrams of all tetrahydrocannabinols” with “one serving”. We do not require child proof containers for beer, malt beverages, or even a liter of grain alcohol and should not have the same requirement for low-potency edible cannabinoid products. There is no evidence pointing to improved health outcomes yet requiring single serving THC beverages to be packaged in child-resistant packaging will harm small businesses currently selling edible cannabinoid products, unnecessarily add cost for consumers, and waste natural resources.

Second, we urge you to consider expanding the edible cannabinoids storage requirements listed at 7.21 to include a locked shelf that is not located behind a checkout counter. Many small businesses do not have space for products behind the checkout counter and will be unable to participate in this market unless this amendment is modified.

We look forward to reviewing the fully amended version of HF100 over the coming days and appreciate the work that went into getting HF100 and SF73 to this point. Our great hope at this point in the process is that the Conference Committee will consider further changes suggested by stakeholders, and the public.

Thank you for your consideration,

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