
From: Caleb Saunders <calebsaunders@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 10:54 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: MCB Industry/Public Seat - Objection of Vivian Stiver

Labor and Commerce Committee,

I live and own a business in the Mat-Su Valley and I am opposed to the appointment of a prohibitionist like Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board. Through the course of multiple campaigns that attempted to prohibit businesses across the state, we have seen that the public vote in favor of regulation vs prohibition. Each vote showing a high favor rating with higher voting turnouts in decades. I believe that the Industry/Public seat should reflect the more than 2 thirds of Alaskan's that voted for legal cannabis.

I have lived in the Mat-Su Valley for 9 years and owned a home here for 8 years of that. I am the owner and CEO of Green Jar, the first retail store receive a Conditional Use Permit and to open in the Mat-Su Valley. We have three owners and 23 employees that are all counting on the jobs we have created. The Mat-Su Borough has received \$502,644.48 for only the first 3 quarters of 2018.

We have an already robust regulatory system that governs the sale of cannabis in our state. I know because I have attended every meeting that was publicly held by the MCB and hold a license. I demand as a licensee that those regulations stay strong for all parties involved since following the regulations gives my business legitimacy. Those regulations could be turned to damage the ability of 26 people to continue to make a living in the Mat-Su Valley.

I DO NOT believe Vivian's prohibitionist past gives her credit to say that she represents either the "Public" or "Industry" which is the seat she is to represent. Please appoint someone that fits the bill and truly represents the seat they are being chosen for. Neither the Public nor the Industry has voted in favor of prohibitionist tactics while forming regulations. We should not start now.

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From: Jim Dyer <jim@jkdbands.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:02 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Appointments of New AMCO/MCB Members

Dear Senate Labor and Commerce Committee:

This letter is to express my opposition to the recent appointments by Governor Dunleavy of Vivian Stiver and Lt. Christopher Jaime to the Marijuana Control Board. My opposition is due to the fact that both of these individuals are known to oppose the legal Alaska marijuana industry. The removals of Chief Jeff Ankerfelt and Brandon Emmett by the Governor are steps backward, and are against the will of the people of our glorious State of Alaska.

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The legalized Cannabis Industry is an asset to Alaska – and any responsible and logical government should value it accordingly.

In closing, I will simply mention that my wife and daughter and I are all three gainfully employed in a successful ancillary business supporting the legal Alaska cannabis industry, in which we provide regulation compliant packaging, labeling, and consulting to the industry licensees.

Please do not confirm the appointments of Vivian Stiver and Lt. Christopher Jaime.

Sincerely,

Jim Dyer

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From: James Sullivan <thefrostyflower@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:11 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stivers

To whom it may concern,
for what it's worth

I don't think Vivian would be a good choice for the board. She is opposed to marijuana based on her past actions and I don't think it's in Alaskas and Alaskans best interest.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

From: JR Tuel <cnapca37@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:23 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stiver not a good fit

Good day and congratulations on your new position. We are grateful to have you as a Representative.

I am writing specifically in regards to an appointment Governor Dunleavy has made for the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office. We are concerned that an individual who is opposed to cannabis legislation has been recommended. Appointing a prohibitionist to this board is concerning for the blooming and booming industry. This industry has created millions of dollars, and thousands of jobs, and could bring in more revenue through development of on-site consumption. However, I am concerned that Vivian Stiver's appointment will dampen the cannabis industry. This infringes on the voters choice to make cannabis legislation like alcohol. Please do not confirm this appointment.

I thank you for your time.
A concerned citizen,

J.R. Tuel

From: Rachel Varela <varelar93@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Rachel Varela
Subject: Appointment of New MCB Members

Dear Senator:

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Sincerely,
Rachel Varela

From: Kelly Dyer <kelly@jkdbands.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Appointments of New AMCO/MCB Members

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Regards,

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From: Cameron Kuhle <cameronkuhle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 11:58 AM
To: Cameron Kuhle
Subject: Gov. Dunleavy's MCB appointments

Dear Senators and Committee Members,

I am a resident of House District 28, Senate District N, and I work in House District 24, Senate District L. I am strongly opposed to the appointments of Vivian Stiver and Christopher Jaime to the Marijuana Control Board. The MCB seats should be filled with people who carry out the laws and regulations approved by the people of Alaska, and who represent a broad sampling of backgrounds that enable them to make sound and prudent choices. Ms. Stiver in particular is an abject opponent of a new industry that now employs many people and brings an increasing amount of tax revenue to the state. The MCB is not a place for utter opposition, it is a place for reasoned execution of the law.

Please do the right thing for the economy and the will of the citizens of Alaska, and do not confirm these appointments, particularly that of Ms. Stiver.

Thank you.

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From: Alaska Marijuana Industry Association <akmjindustry@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 12:08 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Opposition to Stiver nomination
Attachments: Senate Labor and Commerce Committee - Final.pdf

Dear Senators and Members of the Committee,

The AMIA is **opposed** to Vivian Stiver for a number of reasons. We have attached a PDF with our objections to this email. We will be calling in to testify but thought it best to submit in writing and in advance some of our objections. We will be articulating other objections as well on Tuesday. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to testifying via the phone to the committee.

Best,
Carroll E. Carrigan
Executive Director
Alaska Marijuana Industry Association
www.alaskamarijuanaindustry.org

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From: e vonWeltin <evw2006@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Dear Chair Senator Costello, Vice Chair Senator Bishop, Senator Reinbold, Senator Birch, Senator Gray Jackson

I very strongly oppose the proposed nomination of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board. By her actions and words she has made it clear she is misinformed about the industry. As such she is not qualified to sit on the MCB.

Please consider as an alternative nomination to the MCB Rebecca Rein, Caleb Saunders, or Kim Kole. These are persons active in the marijuana industry who understand the needs of the industry as a whole as well as those of the entrepreneurs and are willing and able to take the MCB position.

Thank you for listening,
-edith.

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From: Michele Leffel <ohmiss8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 1:02 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Marijuana Control Board

Dear Committee members,

I am writing to strongly oppose the appointment of Vivian Stiver to the marijuana control board. I feel the governor has other fine candidates to choose from who will be more impartial and haven't openly opposed the marijuana industry in the past. I do not use marijuana but I, like the majority of Alaskans voted in favor of its legal sale in the state of Alaska. The marijuana association has recommended the following as good impartial candidates to serve on the board, Rebecca Rein, Caleb Saunders and Kim Kole.

Thank you so much for serving the state of Alaska,

Michele Shapiro
Wasilla, Ak

From: Aaron Ralph <alaskacannabisexchange@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 2:28 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Disapproval of Appointment of Vivian Stiver to the MCB

Dear Senator Reinbold, Senator Costello, Vice Chair Senator Bishop, Senator Birch, Senator Gray Jackson,

I am Opposed to the appointment of Prohibitionist Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board.

It is my belief that it would be more beneficial to appoint an industry supporter to help this new industry thrive. This industries businesses are wholly owned by Alaska Residents and this appointment could seriously damage the progress made since the programs inception and will only hurt Alaskan small business and Alaskan families.

Each one of the licensed businesses contributed to nearly \$13 million in tax revenue in 2018 and no increase in crime.

Please oppose this appointment so that a qualified industry supporter can help lead this industry in a forward motion.

Sincerely
Aaron Ralph

From: Dwight Haak <coppertree32@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Opposition to Vivian Stiver Appointment to the MCB

Dear Representatives of the State of Alaska,

My name is Dwight Haak, and I am from Palmer, Alaska. I am taking time from out of my day to vociferously oppose the appointment of Vivian Stiver to the Alaska Marijuana Control Board (MCB). It is upsetting, as an individual struggling in the industry, to see yet another road block placed in my way in the form of a Cannabis Prohibitionist positioned in a seat of power directly overseeing me. I am frustrated by Governor Dunleavy's decision, and formally ask that he reconsider his appointment of Ms. Stiver, especially considering the abundance of knowledgeable candidates within the Cannabis Industry desiring to fill the Cannabis Industry seat on the MCB (myself included).

The reasons for my opposition are numerous, and quite frankly, I cannot think of ANY reasons why Vivian Stiver should be on the MCB. Ms. Stiver has yet to show the Cannabis Industry that she has any knowledge on the subject of Cannabis, besides running a campaign to ban Cannabis in her locality, post-legalization. From what I can ascertain from information available about Ms. Stiver, and from her own admissions, I see an antithetical knowledge of Cannabis. Cannabis equated to bad, and Ms. Stiver's knowledge on the subject has only ever been a collection of the supposed negatives, dangers, and ills of Cannabis.

The vacant position Ms. Stiver would be filling on the MCB is a Cannabis Industry position. I am opposed to Ms. Stiver taking this seat as it is an attempt to deprive the Cannabis Industry of a representative by converting it to a "Public Seat". The public is already collectively represented at the MCB by the non-industry positions on the MCB; the Public Safety Seat, the Health Seat, and the Rural Seat. Also, to create an additional "Public Seat" out of a Cannabis Industry Seat will skew the perspective and balance of the MCB, especially in the vein of Cannabis knowledge. The MCB needs two Cannabis Industry representatives to provide the rest of the board with enough knowledge to make educated decisions because the subject of Cannabis growth, processing, and sales is too large to be handled by a single Cannabis Industry representative. I know this intuitively, even considering the breadth of my own knowledge. As well, people within the Cannabis Industry have varying opinions from one another. It would be myopic to limit the Cannabis Industry to one opinion held through one individual representative. We, as an industry, need a debate and possible conflict between two representatives in order to make the best decision for the industry.

The MCB has already had a prohibitionist on its board, Peter Mlynarik, who made an attempt, while sitting on the MCB, to prohibit the Cannabis Industry on the Kenai Peninsula. While technically legal, this action was highly unethical as he held a position with the stated purpose of developing an industry, not undercutting it. Mr. Mlynarik's record on the MCB, and even his departure, reflected his prohibitionist attitude. The same will hold true with Ms. Stiver, and Alaskans do not deserve veiled obstructionism in their government. Proof exists in Ms. Stiver's own words. In her reflections to the ADN just recently, Ms. Stiver expressed her opinion that the MCB and the Cannabis Industry has moved too fast and needs to slow down. In reality, the MCB is operating at the correct speed and has a lot on its plate to work through. I do believe I am correct in stating that there is a bit backlog at the MCB, I have heard as much from multiple sources, and I do not have faith that a Prohibitionist will lessen the backlog, only increase it. In the same ADN article from the past week, Ms. Stiver made it seem that she had not even talked to the Governor concerning her appointment to the MCB,

and this is highly suspect to me. The only logical conclusion I can come to for Ms. Stiver's appointment is that she earned her position on the MCB because of her prohibitionist activities in Fairbanks. Once again, I must reiterate that a person diligently opposed to the subject of a state board has an ethical responsibility to Alaskans not to serve on that particular board.

Why should I, Dwight Haak, have my opinion heard and validated? Because prohibitionist like Ms. Stiver, Mr. Mlynarik, Mr. Larry Devilbiss, and others have been able to exercise power to curtail the process and have hurt Alaska and Alaskan residents in the process. I am in fact one of those Alaskans injured by having the legal framework co-opted by prohibitionists. In the process of starting my business, I had the unfortunate happenstance to be in the Matanuska Valley and be forced to wait beyond the State of Alaska's legal starting date, over seven months, for a second election. While others across Alaska were happily plugging away at opening their businesses, I stagnated. And I stagnated. And I stagnated. Right before the second vote in the Matanuska Valley, well after legalization, I had an Alaskan State Trooper enter my household without a search warrant, ignore my invocation of the 4th Amendment, and destroy my life. My Autistic daughter was taken from me and put in Foster Care for nine-and-a-half months, my wife was briefly fired from her job for three weeks, both my wife and I were forced into Rehab and a year worth of random weekly urine testing, and we watched our debt balloon and our credit get destroyed as we paid for Rehab, child support, jumping through hoops, etc. This only scratches the surface of how I was violated, and it never should have happened. The court vindicated me 2 years, 3 months and 5 days later, but the damage was done.

What do I know? That prohibitionists in the process will make decisions that hurt people, especially people involved in the Cannabis Industry. Cannabis enthusiasts have gone through the proper Democratic steps to establish the legality of their consumption and deserve a period of time where we don't have to worry about losing legality, or taking a step backward. Ms. Stiver, as a prohibitionist, represents a large step backward. The thought of Ms. Stiver on the MCB dredges up feelings of persecution, and I, as well as all my other Cannabis enthusiasts, need to be past this emotion. I want to be able to enjoy how wonderful my life is. Alaska simply needs someone better on the MCB than Vivian Stiver.

Sincerely,

Dwight Haak

From: Michael Holland <michaeltholland.907@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian stiver opposition

To whom it may concern,

First i would like to thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. I am writing today in opposition of the goverenors selection of Vivian Stiver for the Marijuana control board position. My reasons are as follows; primarily she has been an active prohibitionist and would be detrimental to the developement of the industry. While it us important to have a diverse mindset on the board she has shown through her carameer that she is not for the legalization of canabis nor the expanding of the industry, which the people voted for.

Additionally i feel she is inappropriately educated in the matter as she has only recently passed the handelers test and the seats on this board should be going to people who have factual knowledge on the matter and are not biased due to religious views or extenuating circumstances of other drugs in their life.

I sincerely hope we can find another, more constructive voice for the industry and again i do not feel vivian is a proper representation of the desires of the people on this matter. Thank you for your time.

Michael Holland

From: marty@alliedalaskaelectricllc.com
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:28 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stiver Appointment

To The Senate Labor and Commerce Committee,
Attn: Senator Reinbold, Castello, Bishop, Birch, Gray Jackson,

I am sending you this email because of my concern for Governor Dunleavy's appointment of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board I believe that she has proven her opposition to the legalization of Marijuana with her actions in Fairbanks and would ask that you Please do not approve her appointment to the Marijuana Control Board we need people on the Board that will help the Marijuana Business and will allow it to continue to work through the process that it has been moving toward the Marijuana Control Board does not need a prohibitionist on the Board we need a pro business person on this Board. When we first asked that Marijuana be legalized we had asked that it be regulated like Alcohol the rules for Marijuana are much more strict and we need people on the Board that will help and try to alleviate some of the unnecessary restriction that are now in place.

Thank You For Your Time,

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From: Lily Bosshart <lbosshart@dankorage.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stiver

Good Afternoon,

This email is a statement of opposition to the appointment of Ms. Vivian Stiver to the AMCO Board.

As an active member of this industry since 2016, I have survived countless start-up struggles firsthand. Not only is starting a business in this industry beyond challenging, as we are creating something from nothing, but we continue to forge ahead on new legislative ground daily.

In this vein, over the life of legalization, the Board has grown and matured along-side us. Every meeting is monitored intently by hundreds of owners and employees. We rely so heavily on their even-tempered, long-range, and hopefully well-informed decisions. Small business owners across Alaska are pouring every dollar they have into local communities; all on the hope and prayer that the future of the cannabis industry is safe and bright.

We as an Industry are frankly terrified at the idea of Ms. Stiver joining the MCB Board. Her proven track record shows her to be staunchly against cannabis.

Not simply cautiously impartial.

Not even doubtful.

Flat out, 100%, anti-cannabis.

This is so startling in part because of how many challenges we as an industry continue to face on a daily basis. My business alone has just lost its fourth bank account (and felt fortunate that we've had any bank access at all...so many others have not). Payroll is a weekly challenge. My federal tax rate hovers near 65%. Insurance carriers that work with us are so few and far between that I pay between 25-50% higher insurance rates for basic Workmans comp and other required coverages. The City and State levy taxes and fees that number in the tens of thousands yearly. I could go on...

Despite all that, there are so many positives. We employ 23 amazing people. The neighborhood we service has become an extension of our family. We have countless customers, many we now know by name, come in everyday and thank us for being there. We offer real and legitimate relief for those looking for an alternative to pharmaceuticals. Legalization statistics continue to show benefit in nearly every aspect of community safety. We love what we do.

Legal Cannabis has already shown itself to be a positive addition to Alaska; it's a bright spot in an otherwise struggling economy. I ask you to please vote no on the appointment of Ms. Vivian Stiver. Every part of running my business is more challenging than were I to sell anything besides cannabis. Please uphold the will of the people and appoint a person that will help guide and shape the industry; not tear it apart from the inside.

Alaska is better for Cannabis; please help protect us.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Lily Bosshart
907.444.3656



From: Martin Brown <snowcappedgardens@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 3:48 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Vivian Stiver

Dear Senator Reinbold, Chair
Senator Costello, Vice Chair
Senator Bishop,
Senator Birch,
Senator Gray Jackson

I am OPPOSED to the appointment of a prohibitionist like Vivian Stiver.”

Marijuana businesses in Alaska regardless of type (Manufacturing/Retail/Cultivation) each put over \$6000 in fees into the Treasury annually. That's per business and statewide.♣Each one of the licensed businesses in the State combined to contributed to the 2018 total of : \$12,761,802.00 in marijuana tax revenue. ♣Almost \$13 million annually into the State Treasury and no increase in crime. ♣Legal Marijuana helps reduce the black market and reduce crime.♣Marijuana is the only start-up industry that is wholly owned by Alaskans. Stifling the Alaska Marijuana businesses will only hurt ALASKAN SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS and ALASKAN FAMILIES.

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From: Lisa Coates <lisa@ljoutfitters.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 4:46 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Please do not confirm Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board

Dear Senator Reinbold, Chair
Senator Costello, Vice Chair
Senator Bishop,
Senator Birch,
Senator Gray Jackson

Dear: Senator Reinbold, Chair, Senator Costello, Vice Chair, Senator Bishop, Senator Birch, Senator Gray Jackson,

My name is Lisa Coates and I reside in the city of Kenai. I am contacting you to voice my concerns over the recent removal of an industry representative on the Marijuana Control Board. Gov. Dunleavy has removed Brandon Emmett from the board and wishes to replace him with Vivian Stiver, who is a strong opponent of the cannabis industry. Based on her previous actions against the cannabis industry, one can only conclude that it will be her intention to shut the industry down, not regulate it. She does not represent the will of the general public which voted overwhelming in support of a regulated cannabis industry.

This industry has slowly blossomed since its legalization in 2014, which passed by historical margins. During a state recession, this industry has created more jobs in the last few years than any other startup industry in the state. The industry creates jobs, not loses them. If Stiver is confirmed, it will most assuredly be a step back towards prohibition days, while the rest of the world and country are slowly progressing towards legalization. It is the will of the majority to regulate it, not stomp it out.

I also don't believe the people of Alaska will sit quietly by and watch cannabis stores, product manufacturers, and cultivators close shop. Perhaps they will, but they will all just go back to buying cannabis on the black market, and the state will lose out on a revenue stream that is still in its infancy. This industry employs a variety of hard-working Alaskans like engineers, architects, plumbers, electricians, etc., and not just people who are directly involved in the industry. I would like to believe that Gov. Dunleavy is unaware of just how much of an economic impact the cannabis industry has had in this state.

I have lived and worked in this state for almost 30 years. I have always been the employee and never the employer. I recently retired from my 6 figure income to become an entrepreneur in the cannabis industry. I am using my educational background and work experience to try and achieve the American dream of being a productive and contributing member of society that wishes to work for myself and help the community that I live in. My partner and I have invested close to 1 million dollars on this venture, with most of the money being spent in this state to many ancillary businesses. It is mind boggling and scary to think that the confirmation of Stiver is a step towards our dreams completely collapsing and making us destitute. The struggle is very real. This is not an easy industry to be a part of as it is.

I believe the original intent of the MCB to be represented by 2 people from the industry should be continued. It makes no sense. Her anti-marijuana agenda should disqualify her.

Licensed marijuana business owners are the first line of defense against black market crime. We need to have a board that supports the industry while keeping the public safe. Please do not confirm Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board. It is not 1950 anymore. The world is changing. We can recognize this and grow our economy, or we can stifle the spirit of Alaskans and give that money to criminals. People will still consume cannabis. It is a lifestyle choice that helps many Alaskans.

Please do not confirm Stivey to take a seat on the Marijuana Control Board. I beg you. Alaskans won't sit idly by and let this happen.

Sincerely,
Lisa Coates
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From: randy canady <randykenai@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Governor's appointment to the Marijuana Control Board.

Senators,

I'm a 40 year Kenai Alaska resident, recently completed a 32 year career at Kenai's Tesoro refinery, (now Marathon) and I'm writing concerning Governor Dunleavy's appointment to the Marijuana Control Board.

Other than a couple times in the mid 70's I basically have never been a consumer of cannabis products but as a citizen concerned in the great state of Alaska that is facing a state budget deficit I feel by voting to confirm appointing Vivian Stiven to the Marijuana Control Board that she will try to hamper rather than support our new industry. She has been very outspoken against the cannabis industry in the past.

As you are well aware of not only has the state voters voted to make cannabis legal but the cities of Kenai, Soldotna and the Kenai Peninsula Borough have all welcomed the new cannabis industry and the income source it can provide in balancing our state and local budgets.

With my time at the refinery I had the privilege of working with many high quality individuals. Two of these individuals are now in the early stages of operating in the cannabis industry, one in a retail business and the other making wholesale concentrates. With our state's current taxation and regulations on the cannabis industry we need someone on the Marijuana Control Board that is open minded to learning the new industry and seeing the income generating potential for cannabis employees, business owners, and our communities. If any of you ever on the Kenai and had a few minutes you should visit some of these businesses, I know my friend making concentrates would be eager to show you their processing equipment and operation. They have invested hundreds of thousands of dollars, it's a first class operation to say the least. I can give you their contact information if requested.

In 1992 I was in a car/moose incident where the moose crushed the roof of my car, breaking my neck and leaving me a C-6 quadriplegic, paralyzed from the top of my chest down. With the paralysis comes lots of nerve pain and spasticity. I'm currently on medication prescribed by my physician that is not only harmful to my body but has a multitude of unwanted side effects. Many others that share my disability have had good results using both CBD and THC cannabis products to manage these symptoms. In the future having a legal and thriving cannabis industry will provide myself and others an alternative to main stream medicine. A medicine that may be much less harmful to my body.

In closing I'd request that you remain open minded and support appointees to this board that are also open minded and willing to listen and learn about cannabis and this new industry.

Sincerely,

Randy Canady

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From: Trevor Haynes <88sunday88@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 11, 2019 5:30 PM
To: Senate Labor and Commerce
Subject: Do not confirm Vivian Stiver

I am writing to protest the nomination of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board (MCB). I am a proponent of a fair, even-handed MCB. However, Vivian Stiver is not simply a just contrarian voice, but in fact is one of the worst enemies of the cannabis industry. Given her personal vendetta against the industry, she would be able to do an incredible amount of damage to an industry that is in its fledgling state and is very fragile.

Currently, the Alaska cannabis industry faces many challenges. Because the regulations are new, many of them are not efficient or effective. Rather, many of the current regulations stifle businesses without providing any benefit (e.g. public health and safety benefits). This is because the regulations were written before the industry was in place and often by people that had limited knowledge of the industry. The MCB has been working on amending these regulations to reduce the needless regulations and propose strong and effective regulations. This is the work that needs to be done to support the locally owned Alaskan cannabis businesses.

Vivian Stiver has demonstrated herself to be an enemy of the cannabis industry. There is no debating that. If Mrs. Stiver gets confirmed on the board, I am certain that she will not have the industry's best interest at heart. Rather, because she clearly has personal issues with the industry, I feel that she will attempt to sabotage the industry from the inside. This would be a huge blow to the industry that is still getting on its feet.

I ask that you show your support for Alaska's locally owned businesses and support the cannabis industry. Please make a statement that you stand with the majority of Alaskan's that support the cannabis industry.

Sincerely,

Trevor Haynes

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Fairbanks, AK

February 11, 2019

Dear Senate Labor and Commerce Committee Members:

My name is Ben Wilcox, I am a partner owner of two licensed cannabis companies in Juneau, Alaska.

Together the two company's employee over a dozen people and contribute measurably to the state coffers.

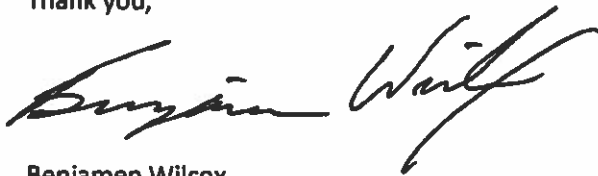
I am writing this committee to loudly oppose the confirmation of Vivian Stiver to the Marijuana Control Board.

Ms. Stiver has spoken publicly and loudly against this industries existence, which clearly puts her in the prohibitionist camp. This is counter to the objective of the regulatory board. If the administration is wanting to insert a politically conservative "reefer madness" delegate to the board then the appropriate seats for that are the public safety, or public health seat. This seat is one of two (the minority) that is there to represent the interest of the industry not the agenda of the defeated voters from the ballot measure.

Ms. Stiver has made many false statements and spread outdated rhetoric to her community. This is not what is needed on the control board and I respectfully ask that you not advance her forward in this process but instead ask the Governor to appoint someone who is reasoned in their approach and already educated on the subject they are attempting to regulate. Ms. Stiver based on her public enthusiasm for the "safer alternative" Jack Daniels perhaps is a better fit for the Alcohol Board.

This industry has shown to be respectful stewards of the public's trust and is filled with well meaning Alaskans and good actors I ask that we be allowed to function without undue interruption from an agenda that does not speak for the majority of our citizens.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Wilcox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Benjamin" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Wilcox".

Benjamin Wilcox

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