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From: Arik Griffin <arik@verticalharvestjackson.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Rules Coordinator
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oral Hearing Request on the proposed amendment to rule 870-RICR-30-00-8
Attachments: Commerce Corporation Oral Hearing Request 2_6_2020.pdf

Dear Rhode Island Commerce Rules Coordinator,

Please see attached our request for an oral hearing on the proposed amendment to rule 870-RICR-30-00-8.

Thanks,

Arik Griffin
Chief Financial Officer
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February 6, 2020

Michael Walker
Commerce Corporation
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Re: Request for Oral Hearing on Proposed Amendment to Rule 870-RICR-30-00-8

Dear Mr. Walker,

Vertical Harvest is writing to request that the Commerce Corporation hold an oral hearing regarding the proposed amendment to rule 870-RICR-30-00-8, consistent with the public participation provisions of the Rhode Island Administrative Procedures Act (RIGL §42-35-2.8). As you know this rule, would put in place regulations to administratively govern the Rhode Island Small Business Development Fund. Our company received a critical investment of growth capital through a similar program created in Wyoming and believes that such a program would provide significant benefit to Rhode Island's small business community.

We appreciate your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,

Nona Yehia, CEO

Vertical Harvest, L3C