

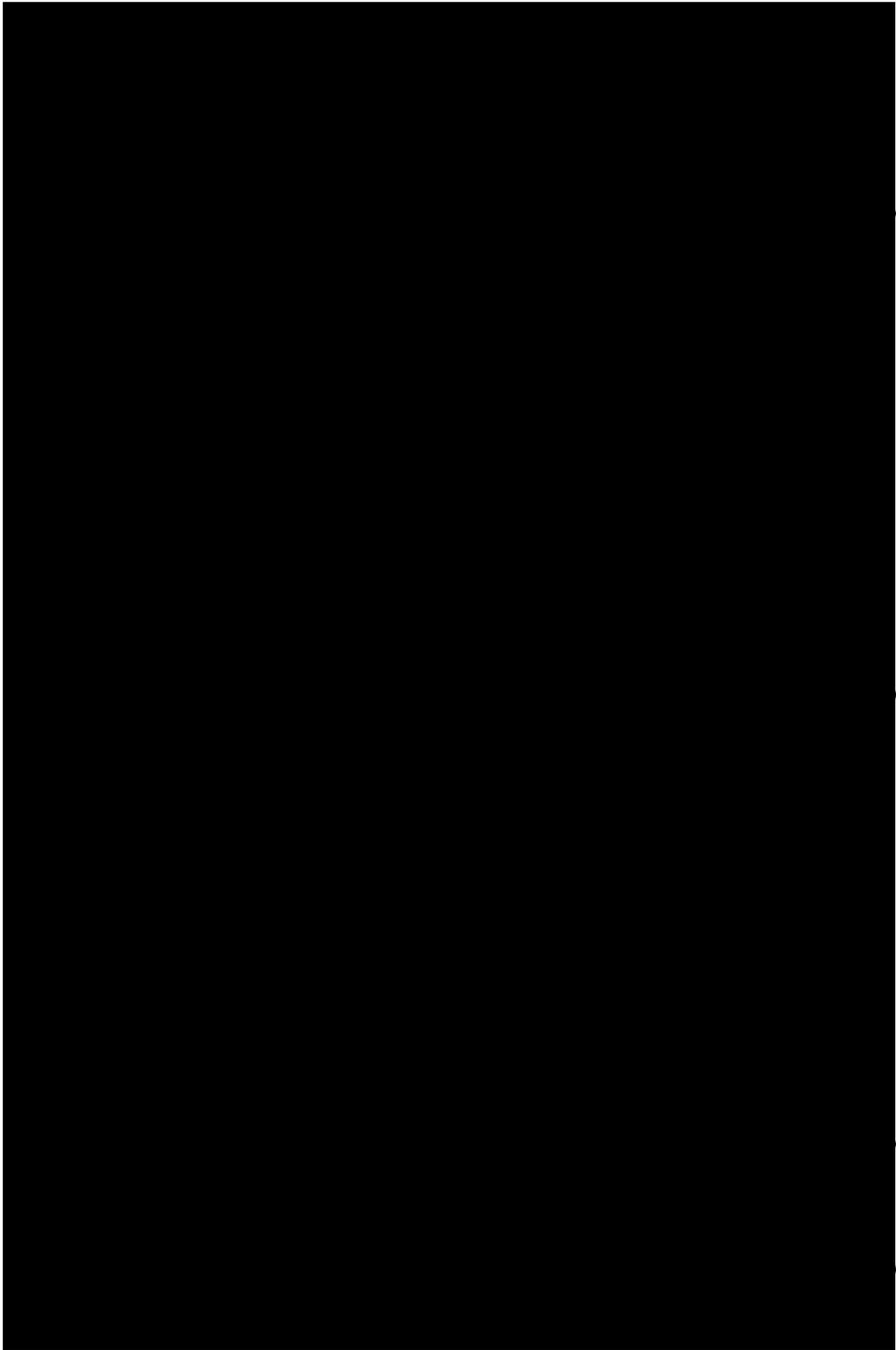
Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

My name is [REDACTED] and I benefit GREATLY from having a California medical license. I've had extreme anxiety since I was 12 years old and I've been on prescription medication for anxiety and NOTHING helps me get through it better than marijuana. It would be not only a hassle but an inconvenience and expense that I do not have the money for to get a Rhode Island license since either are over \$200 dollars. I just want you to know if you change the rules you also would be changing and impacting others lives in a negative, and harmful way. Thank you for listening.

Thanks a million,

[REDACTED]



Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I was recently made aware that Rhode Island wants to make a change regarding allowing patients with out of state recommendations but who have RI ID's.

This change would make it impossible for me to get the medication that has finally stabilized me. I use MMJ for PTSD and it has helped me tremendously. I also suffer from Bipolar 2 which was maintained for many years by traditional medication when I lived in Wisconsin. However due to concurrent Dissociative Identity Disorder I have not been able to find any Psychiatric doctors who will take over the care and treatment of my Bipolar or PTSD. My last health insurance company called both in network and out of network doctors in a 40 mile radius and could not find anyone willing to work with someone like me. Without updated medical records I can not see a MMJ doctor in state, as they require 6 to 12 months of updated records. Medical Marijuana treats both my PTSD episodes and has kept me from bottoming out and facing the potential of suicide.

There is also the cost aspect. Two hundred dollars is the average cost to see a doctor for a MMJ recommendation, whether they approve you or not. That is a lot of money when both you and your child are on SSDI. To potentially just throw \$200 away to be told that they won't or can't help me means that we are now \$200 short for food and as we both have specific dietary needs it would have a detrimental effect on our well-being. Most other states that allow for medical marijuana do not have doctors charging anywhere from \$150 to \$300 per visit, not to mention the extra visits required each year, that require at least \$50 that needs to be paid out of pocket as insurance will not cover such visits.

My California doctor does follow up with me and he is available for me to call him if I have issues or questions regarding my treatment. I spent more time talking to him about my medical history, how MMJ has helped me over the past year, and what strains would be best for my situation than I have ever spent with my current or past PCP's. In total, when I renewed my license I spoke with my doctor for almost 45 minutes via Skype and on the phone. Can you really tell me that a doctor here would give me that much time? That they would give me their cell phone number so I could call them no matter what time of day?

The companies that offer these services understand that MMJ is able to help so many people deal with their medical conditions and that the cost shouldn't be a barrier to getting what will help them. This ruling and the costs that Rhode Island charges are harmful to patients and ultimately it will not help the state.

Without access to California recommendations people are not going to fork out the costs of a RI recommendation, instead they will take their chances and simply go across the border into Massachusetts and purchase there. Money that is spent at the compassion centers here in RI will instead go to Massachusetts, so how is that a win? The state loses the money, the patients lose easier access to their medication, and the animosity felt towards the state will only grow potentially causing even more of a mass exodus, which in turn causes further financial concerns for the state and the compassion centers themselves.

I understand that this change is most likely happening because the state feels that it is getting screwed and that the doctors in state that do the recommendations are complaining; but if the doctors weren't charging so much then there wouldn't be as many people looking elsewhere. Greed is the driving force behind this, not concern for the well-being of patients.

Please realize that there are real people who are doing what they need to to manage their pain, trauma, and so much more and that to take away something that helps them is immoral and unethical.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hi to whom it may concern,

I currently have an out of state recommendation and it will be such a bad idea this change is harmful to patient access, would cause me more expense and it will delay my medication while the application and everything else takes place and is simply unfair.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

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Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hi I am a medical marijuana patient at Thomas Slater. My license is from California. The reason it is from California is that it was affordable and very convenient. I am from RI and it's very expensive to get a license especially on a fixed income. (Disability) this new law is effecting me in many ways. My PTSD, severe anxiety, depression, IBD, and colitis are controlled by the medical marijuana. I'm in pain everyday and cry so much because of it. I also have tried pain management but my body doesn't seem to react to it. With the opioid epidemic killing so many Americans I refuse to take anything but Tylenol or Advil. I wish that would help me with my other issues but unfortunately it doesn't. My fiance past away on 9/26/19 in front of me so my PTSD and anxiety have been worse then ever I have no idea what to do. I feel like I'm living a nightmare and now I'm living a nightmare in pain and sick because the medical marijuana does benefit my life in a positive way. It helps with the pain so much and the depression I'm on medication for anxiety and it also helps my anxiety completely the meds only do so much. I benefit from the program and I can't even begin to tell you how great the workers and security are at the Thomas Slater Dispensary. The most helpful and we'll educated people you will meet in the cannabis industry it's great. I don't know what im suppose to do I don't know if you can direct me to help I have no idea where to go from here. I will be great ful for any help or resources you may have available to help me. Thank you in taking your time out and reading my email. Have a blessed day.

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 9:04 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

As a patient of Thomas C Slater Compassion Center, I am outraged to hear that Rhode Island is debating a bill that would limit patients' access to medication. I believe this decision is being made in prejudice, due to a social stigma circulated about marijuana smokers. I'm writing to you today to ask you the question, would you limit someone's access to other doctor-prescribed medication? Would you make someone show 2 forms of identification before receiving emergency care? Before picking up a prescription from CVS? I have been receiving treatment from Thomas C Slater for over a year now, thc has helped me drastically with my array of medical issues and I use my California Medical card which has a picture of me and has a number so as to reach my prescribing doctor, why is that not enough when coupled with my rhode Island issued drivers license? Why should I have to dish out a couple hundred dollars to apply for a Rhode Island medical marijuana card and have no way to get the medication I need in the interim? You're pushing people like myself towards the illegal street market when you make these hasty decisions without thinking about who you're really hurting. Think about this-opioid drugs are prescribed by doctors and people just pick them up at cvs. They don't have to spend \$200 to apply for a fentanyl card and go to a special clinic just for fentanyl. They just show their id and it matches the prescription and they walk out with their highly dangerous and frequently abused medication. Why is a medication with a basically zero percent chance of fatality being treated as more scandalous? These companies that fill medical marijuana prescriptions are lowering crime rates, paying you taxes and most importantly HELPING YOUR CITIZENS. Please think twice before you pass this bill.

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 6, 2019 8:57 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Good Evening,

After I recently read a Projo article about RI potentially restricting out of state patients from receiving medical (not recreational) cannabis I was flabbergasted. You wonderful folks at DBR and EOHHS did a great job getting medical access up and running in this state. Many years ago I was one of only a handful of prominent RI Republicans to support medical marijuana and even legalization, a stance I was very proud of. A close family member to me struggles daily with PTSD resulting from horrific physical and sexual abuse in a relationship about a decade ago. She still has trouble daily keeping herself focused and moving forward. Services in Rhode Island are crucial to people like her and I respectfully ask you to table this for further study or better yet, fine tune the program in some way. No one is being hurt. Cannabis is safe no matter what state you get an authorization in. Cutting off patients because a handful may misuse the system is a myopic plan at best, and at worst it will result in mental anguish, physical pain, and self harm to many patients.

Please take heed from all the emails you receive. We need you on our side. Finally thank you for all the hard work either way. It can't be easy to discuss these topics that have such a major impact on thousands of RI's neighbors. I thank you for your time and civil service to the state.

God bless and happy holidays.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 4:39 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello, my name is [REDACTED] and I am a Medical Marijuana patient who will be affected negatively from a change in rules regarding showing a second form of I.D. for an out-of-state Medical card. I am a 20 year old college student at Rhode Island College who works two jobs to help support my mother who until recently was the main income of my household, but after an accident at work has left her unable to work for almost a year now and counting and her Workman's Comp. lawsuit is not close to being done yet. The only way I could receive a Medical Marijuana license was to get an online, out-of-state card as it cost less than 1/5th the price of a standard Rhode Island card and I did not have to take time to cancel work or skip class to meet with a doctor. By changing the rules regarding this, I will be forced to either drive to Massachusetts to buy legally, or turn to purchasing it illegally, which either way will be income that the state will not see from me and countless others affected. All I want is be able to continue purchasing my anxiety and depression medicine at a safe and secure location I have been going to for almost a year. I have seen to many people close to me ruin their lives buy either turning to cigarettes (my mothers sister passed 8 months ago from lung cancer, former cigarette smoker), alcohol (my father is an alcoholic), or having to buy marijuana off the street and getting in trouble due to Rhode Island not having legal marijuana. My life has started to improve in almost all aspects since becoming a Medical Marijuana patient, from being able to focus more on school work to being able to finally sleep through a night to be able to work more efficiently. I hope that whatever choice is made is one that befits both the state of Rhode Island, and all the people who choose to live here. I appreciate you taking time to read my opinion and I thank you for it.

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:38 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello,

My name is [REDACTED] and I do not want to see the new requirement for out-of-state patients. I believe this change would be harmful to patient access and would cause unnecessary expense and delay. I use medical marijuana to reduce my extreme anxiety so I can participate in school work and preform normally in social situations. It also reduces the pain of intense migraines that I suffer from where regular medication simply lacks. I believe this is unfair as the process of receiving a Rhode Island Card is incredibly complicated and difficult. I hope that you will reconsider this change for the many people like me who haven't got the access to marijuana otherwise. If this change solidifies you will cause many people to flee safe dispensaries and turn to the street where weed can be laced with dangerous factors that could lead to the victims sickness or death. Most of the time you can't tell that the marijuana you receive is laced at all until it is to late. Too many people are being harmed this way and I feel as it's safer that if someone wants to participate. That the marijuana comes from a safe, guarded, and regulated place. I for one would be scared not to being able to receive that luxury of security from the product.

Please don't make out-of-state mean out-of-luck. Keep us safe and let us buy from dispensary's. Feel free to email me at [REDACTED].

Thank you and I hope you will consider my argument, [REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 7:30 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Do not change the out of state requirements for patients

To Whom It May Concern:

The reasoning behind changing the requirements for out of state recommendations from doctors is wrong-headed, unnecessarily complicated, and completely irrelevant. Patients from all over the 50 states travel to get treatments in places other than the location in which they got their doctor rec. - whether it be for seeing other doctors or seeking additional care, because they move to be closer to other family, or simply because they have already gone through the process once and cannot afford it again.

Besides the fact that having the doctor rec, from any legal state that participates in this important medical system is a legitimate form of patient care, this is also unfair punishment for no good reason. If the State of Rhode Island, which receives generous amounts of revenue from the sales of all medicine at the dispensaries, why would they make it harder to make money that the state clearly and desperately needs?

There is a reason why other states in New England generate more revenue and have better resident quality of life: RI is a dysfunctional and wasteful bureaucracy that is stuck in the 20th Century in its taxation and revenue generation for the state. It's this continued inability to be fair to all, as well as a willful inability to exist in the 21st Century that handicaps RI and its socioeconomic progress; overall innovation and remaining relevant is vital in order for society to thrive and grow. This change does none of that and just continues to cause suffering economically, and punish its residents because no one in the state system seems to have any clue or understands, based in reality, about how diverse populations work and live in RI. It is embarrassing and shameful that RI continues to look like a country cousin to our neighbor, Massachusetts, and other states in the region. This is unacceptable and proof that the state doesn't actually represent its residents/constituents.

Stop this and do better. Why not pay more attention to the businesses and organizations that offer no revenue to the state that continue to profit of the backs of RI's hard working, and often disenfranchised, citizens.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:06 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello

I am using a medical marijuana license from California. I could barely walk with my chronic pain and severe arthritis. The first year I got a RI license and the cost is over three times what I paid to get California license. I understand RI wants money but I am on disability and barely meeting my needs financially. I lost 4 front teeth and cannot afford to replace . My orthopedic dr tells me I need two knees replacements I cannot afford the co pay or care for my two dogs if I was to get the surgery. I turned to medical marijuana because it helps me to be able to stay in my home. I just got a notice that Rhode Island was going to require the people to have ID from the state. The one consultant in Warwick charges over \$150 for first visit then in 6 months another \$50 when I pay my bills and pick up my medical marijuana I am left with \$50 or less till the following month. If the state makes this change my health will go downhill. I suffered 3 car accidents since 2009, had Luekemia which left me with arthritis and the accidents made it worse. I wear knee braces and use a cane but without the medical marijuana I would not be able to live at home I would need more medical care. Please do not make this change. I know that the taxes help the state and if you make this change a lot of people will suffer. My life would dramatically change, I switched from RI license to CA do I could have the money to see my primary doctor, my massage therapist , my dentist and my orthopedic dr. I need to save up \$1200 to replace my 4 front teeth- being on Disability I am just getting by. Please please consider the citizens suffering financially due to health issues.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Please please do not change this regulation. Without being able to use a California medical marijuana card in Rhode Island I would be unable to afford my license in the State of Rhode Island due to the cost associated with getting this license.

First, you have to go to only 1 or 2 places in the State who charge up to 200\$ to see you. Then even though I'm very sick an go to drs at least 2 times a month. They still want me to go to them twice a year at 50\$ each. I have no problem paying a licensing fee of 100\$ a year to the STATE health department for a license. But to pay almost 300\$ a year is not fair to someone who is sick, on medical an a very tight budget. Without this medicine I will be back on 15 prescriptions and the tumors in my spine will grow aggressively again. This is God medicine, I have been sick since I was 13, I'm now 55 an I'm feeling better than ever without all that poison in my body.

Please don't take away California licenses until you can make Rhode Island licenses affordable for all of us.

Especially those of us who need it the most. I remain,

Respectfully Yours,
[REDACTED]

Make A Great Day!

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To Whom This May Concern,

My Doctor lives in Los Angeles, CA. I mean, Could you blame him ? It's the end of the year 2019, everything is operated remotely, just like my doctor. Please reconsider this new rule. So many sick patients will go without and seek (unknown) cannabis illegally.

Sincerely a sick patient,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2019 10:56 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Medical Marijuana

Ms Ferrelli,

I am a 69 year old male living on fixed income, who has been dealing with acute insomnia for most of my life. As you may know, the detrimental impact on overall health is shocking and there are no safe medications to treat it. Last year I decided to try thc/cbd to treat it. When I learned the complex and very expensive RI regulations to get a card I quickly and cheaply got one online and am very happy that I did. I see in the paper that RI is considering taking this convenient, affordable and sane solution away. Why? To squeeze people out of more money fixing a problem that doesn't exist? The people who use medical marijuana for recreation will get it elsewhere, including the street and the people who really need it for health reasons will have to spend more time energy to get it. You owe to yourself and the citizens to watch the Ken Burns documentary 'Prohibition' to see how quickly negative unintended consequences appear when the government overzealously tries to impose unnecessary and restrictive regulations. But then again, you already see them every day. The health care "system", such as it is, is an expensive, complex and frustrating paperwork bound mess as it is. Please don't make it worse.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 1:26 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Dear Honorable Legislators:

This letter is about the proposed change to the "Out of State" medical marijuana cardholder changes proposed that would require a second form of ID from the issuing State.

Many people have expressed great concern over this proposed change, as it presents many obstacles & hardships created by such a change. To name just a few:

1. Too many doctors licensed in Rhode Island refuse to either recommend a medical card or refuse to continue treatment if a card is obtained;
2. The cost of obtaining a Rhode Island medical card is prohibitive as it denies those who live on fixed incomes the ability to purchase said card;
3. This measure would force many Rhode Islanders to have to go to Massachusetts for the medicine they desperately need, causing undue hardship and also unduly enriching that State's coffers (money much better suited for use here at home);
4. This measure appears to cause the great State Rhode Island to fall behind as a leader of medical marijuana, which it ought should be striving to become.

The above issues are just a sampling and are in no way inclusive or the full scope of concerns.

Additionally, it is quite unclear as to what the said motivation of such a measure is. It would seem to make the most sense for Rhode Island to take as much of a market share as possible from the outset, thereby not only keeping the current marketshare but also the generation puff expanding the marketshare as well. Does the State think it is wise to at some point have to play "catch-up" just to remain viable in the market.

The citizens of this great state implore you to reconsider such a measure and instead try to come to some other resolution to whatever concerns are trying to be addressed.

Thank you for your careful consideration, we hope you will make the decision which favors your constituents over any other motivation. May compassion for those in need take precedence over all other considerations on the table.

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 12:05 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I mean if you guys would be so kind to let know who is HIV POSITIVE In RI and that's not on meds I'd be down to get HIV, or I'll let one of the state plow trucks take me out this winter so I can be in chronic pain seeing the state is self insured just to get a medical card. honestly RI is the worst state to live as well as health care in the USA. RI forced me to go out of state and wants to take my medicine away from me. Cannabis has saved me For the past 15 years when I wanted to die it helps with mental help as well as my seizures witch the state of RI won't allow me to get my medical card for witch the basic right to health care and medicine that I need to get me through the day. I mean I'm a RI resident and trying to get my company started here in RI this one decision that the state makes will make me either A) File my paper work with the AGs office my licenses and keep the 10 new cars we ordered 2020 Ford explores police interceptors I'd be gladly to move everything out to MA where the other 5 partners are from. But that's not my call it's the state of RHODE ISLANDS CALL.

Sent from my iPhone

Fear not for the struggles you face in this moment – be they money, relationships, war, or famine. These are impermanent and temporary concerns that plague every member of the human species regardless of wealth or power or prestige.

Hardships exist to harden the armor surrounding your soul. No one is free from their clutches. But know that you are always safe in the Light.

We are always watching out for you. - Illuminati

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Please stop moving forward on these Regulations.

My license from CA was prescribed for anxiety. Medical marijuana has helped me immensely. My RI PCP can't prescribe Medical Marijuana for anxiety, only Xanax. RI doesn't recognize Anxiety as one of the conditions for receiving a MM Card.

The newly proposed regulations would cause problems for my access to Medical Marijuana for my health issue.

Since RI has reciprocity with other states, I don't understand why you would try to preclude access for someone like me, who has benefited from the use of Medical Marijuana. Will I have to go to the streets now to obtain marijuana?

Please stop these regulations now.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to share my opinion and thoughts on the proposed changes to out of state medical marijuana card holders in the state of Rhode Island.

I do not feel that the proposed legislation is in the best interest of the people. Many of us who use medical marijuana for disruptive health issues cannot get a medical card through the state of Rhode Island because our conditions are not on the list of accepted health problems.

For example, I myself struggle with serious depression and anxiety. I am also diagnosed (since 2010) with a very rare and deadly blood disease called TTP (thrombotic thrombocytopenia purpura) this disease is triggered by stress and sickness. So you can see why medicinal marijuana is very important to me. It allows me to lead a fulfilling and successful lifestyle by helping me keep my stress, anxiety and depression under control.

Please do not go through with this legislation. It would hurt more people than you can understand. As far as I'm concerned, if out of state cardholders are such an issue then you need to stop punishing your own citizens in the state of Rhode Island and allow more people in this state access to it. Whether that means legalizing it for recreational use or accepting more medical conditions as candidates for medical marijuana.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]
Life resident from Portsmouth, RI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 12:06 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hi there!

Please do not change the laws for patients with out of state medical cards. I have a battery of health issues and I literally will die if I can't use medical Marijuana to eat food. I've already lost 40lbs in the last year.

I am a RI resident and I have a MA medical card that cost hundreds and actually saves my life. By changing this rule you are being ableist and ignorant about the obstacles you're creating for people to who should not have to jump through hoops for medicine. CA is in the future and their cards are much easier to obtain for patients and by creating this rule, you will be eliminating PAYING patients that aren't causing harm to anyone. They're generating revenue. Stop making uneducated decisions and focus on heroin and drugs that actually kill people. Stop wasting time making sick people work to have access to something that should be legal across the US. Stop moving backwards!! [REDACTED]

Best,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 2:52 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

This affected me because I went to California to see a doctor do to the reason that in RI is hard and expensive to get a medical card.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 8:46 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I would like to express my concern regarding the proposal. It is simply unfair. I rely on my medical cannabis to help me with my joint pains, insomnia and my anxiety attacks.

I simply cannot afford the annual renewal fee charged by the state and the doctors.. To pay the extra would be a financial burden on me.

I need my medical cannabis. Should this happen I would simply go and buy it off the streets or go to Fall River etc. The end result of this would mean a drop in revenue for the state, or a gain for MA.

I am sure there are many people in the state who are in the same situation as myself who would do the same. I see this as a move by the state to increase revenue which in my opinion would do the reverse.

This is a step backward. Please reconsider

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:07 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To Whom It May Concern-

I'm an out of state medical cannabis patient who relies on this form of medication to treat the severe symptoms of my autoimmune disease. As a New York patient, the access to medication was a crucial element in my decision to study part time in Rhode Island. The proposed requirement of a second form of identification baffles me - I have no idea what the state stands to gain from this additional barrier to medication that is used purely by differently abled people to treat pain and illness. I also have no idea what form of identification this would even take! What state ID do people have beside a drivers license? In summary, the motivation behind this decision (beyond making it harder for sick people to feel well) eludes me. I sincerely hope that Rhode Island will continue to allow out of state patients accessible use of their marijuana program.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Please donot pass this bill it with be a hardship on many of the patients that depend on cannibus who come from out of state. It would be very costly to the patients and create bigger issues when those patients have to turn to the street for it. Resulting in unnecessary court fines and even harm if they get bad products.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 3:04 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

First of all, it's ridiculous marijuana is not recreationally legal considering both it's health and economic benefits. The out of state acceptance is vital in maintaining business for dispensaries as well as creating tax revenue. By not allowing out of state patients to visit dispensaries without out of state licenses, the amount of buyers are gonna slim down dramatically. It is absolutely unfair and stupid that these measures are even being considered. Personally, I am a student medical patient who suffers from anxiety, due to the fact the state doesn't recognize mental health as a reason to become a medical patient, my answer was to look out of state. The recommendation allows me to get medicine I use to sleep, relax, focus, pretty much any feeling I need, all while removing my anxiety. The decision to implement the out of state identification necessity is not only ignorant in that this medicine is both economically better and safer than most prescription drugs, but is also wrong for patients who rely on Rhode Island's already expensive medical dispensaries. This will probably get lost in the convoluted bureaucratic ladder that is Rhode Island, but please consider how poor of a decision this is. I'm well aware how money motivates politicians, but I'm not sure how one could not recognize the benefits of this drug and limiting access is not only a bad decision, but ethically wrong.

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 5:41 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello,

I am emailing today to express my discontent with the proposed law change. As an out of state student in Rhode Island with divorced parents my housing situation and location is always fluctuating between states. After finding out I was able to get my medical card in a different state and still purchase my prescription in RI I was ecstatic seeing as my place of residency and my license is different. Being a full time architecture student with special needs has been rough. Specifically not being able to sleep when I have time due to my anxiety. And my loss of appetite due to the other medication I'm prescribed to help me be productive and efficient through my day to day. Since getting my med card I have been sleeping and eating better and because of that doing better in classes and feeling better about life. The changing of this already effective law I feel would set me back to where I was and destroy what I have become. I hope you can see how this change could effect hard working student like me and decide to not change the law. Thanks for your time, [REDACTED].

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 1:17 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello,

I am currently a medical marijuana patient suffering with severe back problems. My current license is from CA and not only would this new law requiring out of state licenses to have another form of identification from that state, be a huge inconvenience but I would not be able to afford to get a new medical marijuana license from RI considering they cost over 200 dollars. This would also cause me not to be able to get my medication which would result in me being in excruciating pain and may lead to me losing my job. Please reconsider not putting this law through and think about the thousands of people in RI who's lives would be ruined by such a law being put into place. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
A concerned Rhode Islander

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:20 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Why is RI doing this? I was forced to see a DR out of state that will treat me because RI doesn't have a big list that they approve it for. I've seen many friends and family members get a prescription painkiller problem and overdosed yeah no thanks that's just the same as putting a gun in my hand and telling me it's ok to shoot myself. Hmmmmm that doesn't seem right now does it? I have K-pins and I don't like the way it makes me feel and have to keep going to the store to get them I have a few bottles that I haven't touched since July because I would have to take them everyday. Yeah I smoke when needed but I don't use medical cannabis every day. I like going to TCS for the reason I don't have to grow at my house and Rhode Island makes a lot of money off of me on tax's when I go to the dispensary. I like to think that's why the roads have been getting fixed in Rhode Island the past few years.

Sent from my iPhone

Fear not for the struggles you face in this moment – be they money, relationships, war, or famine. These are impermanent and temporary concerns that plague every member of the human species regardless of wealth or power or prestige.

Hardships exist to harden the armor surrounding your soul. No one is free from their clutches. But know that you are always safe in the Light.

We are always watching out for you. - Illuminati

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 4:22 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I suffer from a number of different medical issues from the tragic death of my young son, not limited to depression, anxiety, PTSD and intense grief. The new requirement for RI to require a second form of out of State ID is simply not fair. Not only does RI cost 5 times the amount to get an in state license, the process itself takes MUCH longer. This is simply not fair or reasonable for lifelong TAX PAYERS of RI. Am I suppose to wait and suffer with my symptoms while I try to jump through the hoops of getting a RI medical card? Pay 5 times the amount for above mentioned card. Simply unfair and unacceptable.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To whom this may concern,

I have been updated about the changes the state wants to make to require the out of state medical license to match with the state id. I can speak for many people that this will impact them negatively. Many people don't have the money to go to a ri doctor and spend a ridiculous amount of money to obtain a medical card when it's as easy as going online to receive the SAME card for 40\$. Marijuana should be made recreational in RI as many other states have followed, including the state right next to us. I'm concerned why they just made the law of having a medical card legal from a different state and then changing the law once again. Why can't you make up your mind? What harm is this doing to you if it's legal? Please let people go about their business and stop trying to control everyone's life because you're not making a profit off of it.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, December 14, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

How does me going to now an additional doctor help me the citizen? Now you want me to pay for more expensive licenses? How does this help me? It doesn't.

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I am currently a RI resident but my daughter lives in California and I visit her there. I am a medical marijuana user and use my California medical card in RI also. If you change the laws to require an additional ID, this change will be harmful to my patient access, would cause me added expense and delay, and is simply unfair after all this time. Thank you for listening.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:07 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello Ms. Ferelli,

I can't tell you how disappointed I am about this new regulation. Or rather, I can, because here we are.

Does RI not make enough money? Is this state not corrupt enough? Why should I, a working professional with moderate mental illnesses, have to register with the state of RI and provide my fingerprints in the same building I went to do my prints for substitute teaching?

This isn't about regulation. It's about money. RI wants the \$75 fee or whatever it is to register, and it's pathetic. This is infringing upon a medical right to privacy. You don't need my fingerprints so I can smoke pot and sleep at night, and I do not need to have nightmares about my rapist pinning me down and burning me repeatedly with cigarettes while my vagina was torn and ripped apart against my will. I don't care if that's too graphic for you. I lived it.

It is mind boggling that a body of educated people will allow anyone to walk into a liquor store and buy whatever they want with no regulation and somehow, despite this magical thing called "science," you fingerprint residents for marijuana. A plant. Read that again, and remind yourself cirrhosis exists and alcoholism destroys lives. How 'bout that pot, though, am I right?

Do not take away our right to purchase and consume medical marijuana simply to further line your pockets.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2019 11:48 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hi Ms. Ferrelli,

I am writing to you today to express how important it is to not have the new requirement for out of state patients. Let me tell you a little about myself. I am 26 years old and have struggled with generalized anxiety and social anxiety my entire life. I have been on so many different medications since I was 4. I have also seen more therapists than I can count. When I reached 21 I decided that medication was not right for me and was sick of being pumped with different medications that all had different and sometimes horrible side effects and looked into cannabis. In the past 5 years since I made the switch I have felt better than I ever have in my life. I feel more comfortable in groups and my anxiety attacks have diminished greatly. I wanted to get more strains tailored to helping me as well as stop buying off the streets. Unfortunately the state of Rhode Island does not acknowledge this type of disorder for medical cannabis and I was forced to get my prescription from California. Having access to Slater now has improved my quality of life and made me feel safer knowing where I was getting my medication from. I am writing you today to tell you my story, as I am sure you will hear from many others, and explain how important it is to have my out of state prescription be accepted in Rhode Island.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my story and I hope you had a great thanksgiving!

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I don't want there to be any changes as my family resides in more than one state. I depend on them to purchase my medications.

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I don't want there to be any changes as my family resides in more than one state. I depend on them to purchase my medications.

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:06 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello,

I'm emailing in regards to the proposed change in requiring out-of-state recommendations for medical cannabis requiring a second form of ID from that state. This is extremely unfair as it will be costly both time-wise and financially for patients like myself. The state of Rhode Island already taxes all of my medicine, so I can't imagine what the issue or complaint is here.

I was diagnosed with IBS 7 years ago & despite leading a healthy & active lifestyle, maintaining a strict noninflammatory diet, & taking several supplements & probiotics daily... my symptoms are still often times debilitating. I suffer from flare-ups at least twice per week. The only relief for me comes from cannabis.

My RI Primary Care Doctor along with my Gastrointestinal Doctor were both uninterested in helping me when I inquired about medical cannabis for my IBS, so I was forced to seek out a recommendation from a California Doctor. I merely ask that lawmakers keep patients like myself in mind when making these decisions. I will 100% be suffering without my medical cannabis, and this predicament is extremely unsettling. It's 2019 and I'm really hoping we can evolve as humans by leaving patients in need alone & tackling the ethical issues that really need our attention instead.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 5:56 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To whom this may concern:

I do not want to see the new requirement for patients with out of state recommendations. This change is harmful to patient access, would cause you added expense and delay, and is simply unfair. Just think of the positives our economy benefits from the sales of the medical patients with out of state license. Not only will these patients be spending at our shops, it will draw them in to the other various activity's our state has to over generating more income!! Please please reconsider !!!

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 12:17 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I was recently contacted about my out of state license. I live in RI and have a California marijuana license. RI wants to change the laws for out of state licences. I was encouraged to write a letter to explain how this will affect me. I have server anxiety, anger issues, back and sciatic pain and a sleep disorder, medical grade marijuana helps me with all of this. I am a nursing assistant so we all know that the pay is barley livable. I purchased my licence on-line from California because it was more then half the price less then if i were to go to a Dr in RI. If this changes happens it will greatly effect me and i am sure i am not the only one in this position.

Thank you for your time, and i hope this along with others will stop this from happening.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 3:42 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Per your article in the Prov. Journal 12/7/2019

Dear Miss Ferrelli,

I am appalled to the fact that 6,500 people "moved" to California to buy medical pot.

I am a senior citizen residing in Rhode Island on a limited income. I was interested in purchasing medical marijuana for my terrible arthritic condition. Being an upstanding citizen I went through the hoops required by RI to be able to purchase some products which MAY help me. I am sure you know the routine. Now, I see all those people purchasing medical marijuana without going through your rules.

It cost me \$50.00 twice a year to sit down with a "doctor" and discuss practically nothing, in my estimation. Then I have to pay the State \$140.00 for a license once a year. Now, let's also include the RI sales tax on my purchases. This system is something that was made up to add to the RI tax base. I think you are taking advantage of people who really need MEDICAL marijuana. None of this is covered on any medical plan.

I hope you can figure out how to improve your policy as to how to help me be able to afford these helpful products.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 5:25 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Please consider my comments. If you change this law it will be harmful to patient access, cause added expense, and is simply unfair.

I won't be able to afford a RI State license. Which will make me go to Massachusetts or purchase from the street. Both would cause me to break the law. I view myself as a good person and I don't want to put myself in those situations.

I have been using the medicine for a while for pain management. It has numerous benefits for me. I don't want to take opioids which are addictive, bad for your health and can change your personality.

Please consider what will happen if the law is changed.

Thank you for your time with this important issue,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

This is a harmful change to TSCthe expenses to travel to CA would be way to much for almost anyone especially this time of year.

I don't think anyone actually wants the change of having to show multiple ID that's just how you lose business. From many who NEED cannabis and CBD products to treat various illness'

I use CBD and Cannabis to help with my schizophrenia and a few other issues enclosed with my doctor and I, and the medication costs are almost to much for me to handle let alone having to travel the states just for an ID so I can continue using your products

It's an unfair change to many users/customers like me

Please reconsider this it's not necessary to make these changes

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Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

What about patients visiting the state? And they require more than 2oz their allowed to travel with. A person needs a place they can purchase their medications from. Why is one recommendation more acceptable than another? All recommendations should carry equal weight. That should be honored by any state.

What makes rhode islands recommendation the only way to go? What if you dont agree with certian factors? You will simply put rhode island on the recommendation and now its ok to use here? Thats extremely messed up! I just moved here and have an out of state license and cannabis card. Now you want to make it harder on me to get my medicine. I cant afford the cost to switch my recommendations at this time.

If you require people in rhode island to have a r.i recommendation, every patient that goes to thomas slater should get the card switch FOR FREE. We paid for the recommendation already. So the state should pay for everyones recommendation that has to be rhode island.

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 11:52 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To whom it may concern,

I suffer from borderline personality disorder, anxiety, and back pain due to my scoliosis. I've been on multiple anti-depression medications, and mood stabilizers. Every time I'm forced to stop taking them either because of the high cost for the prescriptions or because of severe side effects. I've used cannabis to treat these disorders for years. The state of Rhode Island does not allow medical marijuana use for things such as stress and anxiety. Also the cost for a medical card in this state is absurdly high compared to other states. You guys clearly want to make it harder to gain access to medical cannabis, when it's the opposite you need to do. You need to make it easier for people to obtain. People do not have 250-300\$ to spend on just the appointment for the card in this state. It makes no sense we charge what is most people's entire week's paycheck, while other states charge only 50\$. This is simply going to make people's lives harder, and push them to purchase their products from the black market. All in all, I think we need to either make a medical cannabis prescription easier to obtain, follow Massachusetts' example and legalize it, or do not follow through; with having people need state IDs from where their medical card is from.

Sincerely,

A concerned cannabis user.

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2019 10:05 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I currently hold an out of state Medical Marijuana license in California but...I currently reside in Rhode Island...I came here because I was able to use my card in either state...if I can't...what is the point on keeping my residence here...as to I haven't been able to get another provider in this little amount of time...and also...in doing this...wouldn't the state of Rhode Island be losing out on revenues from out of state patient's...not just the money we spend at the dispensary and the taxes for it...but...the taxes I pay to live here and the taxes they take out of my pay checks...the money I spend at any stores...restaurants...places to go...things to do...all cost money...if I move...that's one less person in this state...helping to fund it..????

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Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Good afternoon Erica,

I recently received word that Rhode Island is considering changing their regulations regarding an out of state patient's ability to purchase medicinal cannabis in RI. While I understand the intent of this proposal, as an out of state patient myself, I must inform you that this is going to affect a lot of patients looking for relief. You might not be aware, but the state of CA allows you to obtain your medical cannabis recommendation even if you aren't a CA resident. So there really isn't any reason that I would be required to have a valid state ID from where I received my recommendation from. Also, the requirements you must meet to be accepted into the RI mmj program are very strict. For a patient like myself, I suffer from severe anxiety as well as multiple sports injuries. This means I would not be qualified to obtain my mmj card based on RI's regulations but I WOULD qualify in CA. The only other treatment available for me is addictive prescription medicines that don't really work for me. Furthermore, I believe it is unfair to force patients like us to pay \$200 for a mmj card (not including fees, taxes, etc.) when other states are MUCH more affordable and compassionate toward their patients. If profit is what you seek, I would recommend legalizing recreational cannabis and taxing the people who use it for recreational intent. I would also recommend allowing patients like myself with severe anxiety, PTSD, chronic pain, etc. to be able to obtain their mmj card through the state of RI. I would GLADLY become a patient under our state's flag if these things were to happen. I truly believe RI would have a brighter future if we adopted more modern medicinal cannabis practices. More patients in need of alternative care would make the switch and RI would PROSPER as a result. I hope you read this e-mail Erica and maybe it'll inspire you to hear the opinions from others speaking out.

Peace and Love <3

- [REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 9:53 AM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Please do not require a second form if CA ID, it wasn't easy to obtain seeing I could not find a doctor in RI to approve me for medical marijuana, marijuana is the only thing that helps me cope with generalized anxiety disorder, dysthymic disorder, insomnia, and severe PMS. I've tried pills but they gave me adverse reactions, plus I'd rather stay as close to natural medicine as possible. Having to obtain a second form if ID will not only cause a delay, it's an extra expense and time off to obtain said ID that I can't afford. Please do not require this second form of ID, As it will greatly affect me, a full-time worker who's just trying to make each day easier to bare.

Thank you for your time,
[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2019 4:04 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

The State should not supersede a Doctors recommendation concerning Medical Marijuana whatever state it comes from. It seems like the Stare is more concerned with collecting revenue than they are the health of its inhabitants. Some people can't afford the three hundred dollars or more for a referral. Please reconsider this because you are putting a lot of people's health at risk. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, November 30, 2019 12:07 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To whom this may concern,

Changing the rules for out of state medical patients would be unfair towards the rights of patients. It would cause a financial disturbance in my budget and I would not be able to purchase medicine for my chronic pain legally. Please reconsider this decision as it would have a negative impact on myself and many other patients who benefit greatly from this plant medicine.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 3:08 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

I'm emailing you in regards of the problem with the out of state med card, I am from Rhode Island and the California card was a tremendous help for me . It helped with my childhood PTSD, anxiety, depression, as well as my appetite. Can you help with a recommendation? Thank you.

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

Hello

If you change the rules for RI patients who use a California medical marijuana license to also need ID from California you will be hurting me and many other patients who need the medical marijuana to live a better life. When I found out the cost of dr visit to get my license I was shocked but I had no choice but pay it because the pain in my body made walking sitting and any activity to just live my life almost impossible to just get by. Also the RI Dept of health building is not handicapped accessible- only 3 handicapped spots for public . I saw 4 gated lots 1/2 or less filled with many unused handicapped spots. Luckily someone who worked there let me in when I got ri license. I see my dr every month for at least 16 years for pain. My life would be constantly filled with pain if my access to using the out of state license is taken away. I have no help live in my own home because I constantly look for ways to lower My bills. This change to using California Medical marijuana license saves me over \$190 a year which is a lot when you live on disability with disability insurance from my job which pays me up to 70% what I made when I worked. I have had health issues since a child and 3 major car accidents have left my life full of pain.

Please if you want to change to using RI license get a system that at least cuts the total cost of dr and license to the same \$60 of the California medical marijuana license.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Beaven, Elizabeth (DBR)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 11:45 PM
To: Ferrelli, Erica (DBR)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Public Comment - Proposed Medical Cannabis Regulations

To whom this may concern:

I do not want to see the new requirement for patients with out-of-state recommendations. this change is harmful to patient access, would cause me added expense and delay, and is simply unfair.

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