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Dear AUMP Stakeholder:

I write today with an important update regarding the administrative regulations which govern the Adult Use Cannabis Program (AUCP).

As you may know, when the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) was established in February 2019, one of the very first things we set out to do was develop and implement the regulatory framework necessary to establish Maine's adult use cannabis program. This process was remarkably successful thanks to the participation and feedback of stakeholders such as yourself.

Today, per the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (MAPA), we are starting the process of formally engaging in routine technical rulemaking to implement public laws passed in the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature, including laws regarding delivery and curbside pickup at cannabis stores, as well as changes to the requirements for mandatory testing.

It is important to note that the new laws impact Chapters 1 (*Adult Use Cannabis Program Rule, 18-691 CMR, ch. 1*) and 5 (*Rules for the Certification of Cannabis Testing Facilities, 18-691 CMR, ch. 5*) of the rules regulating the adult use program. We invite you to review both chapters in the program rule and provide your written feedback. A copy of the proposed rules and public comment forms (one for Chapter 1 and a separate form for Chapter 5) can be found on [the OCP website](#).

We ask that you confirm you are commenting on the correct chapter and form and ask that you be specific in your comments. OCP will accept comments for four weeks – ending on July 25, 2022 at 11:59 PM.

Public participation is a critical component of the MAPA process; as such, OCP has also identified July 13 for an in-person public hearing to supplement the written process.

Public Hearing
July 13, 10:00 a.m.
19 Union Street
Room 325
Augusta, Maine

Either or both avenues may be utilized by interested members of the public to provide feedback to OCP on the form, content, and/or application of the proposed rule revisions.

Once OCP completes this process, we will – again – consider feedback received and make appropriate revisions to the rule. Following these revisions OCP will adopt these rules. Routine technical rules become effective 5 days after they are adopted by the agency.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of these important matters. We look forward to engaging with you over the coming weeks and months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Gundersen', written in a cursive style.

Erik Gundersen
Director