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Dear AUMP Stakeholder:

I write today with an important update regarding the administrative regulations which govern the Adult Use Marijuana Program (AUMP) here in Maine.

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, we are announcing plans to engage in routine technical rulemaking to implement public laws passed by 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. I am writing to share some details about OCP's plans for this process and what you can expect to see now and into the second half of 2022.

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 are once again inviting you to review a preliminary discussion draft of both chapters in the program rule and provide your written feedback. A copy of the discussion draft rule and two 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 two weeks – ending on May 30th, 2022.

As a reminder, this discussion draft is just that: a working document subject to further review and revision before OCP begins the formal rulemaking process.

Once the informal comment period has concluded and OCP has considered the feedback and made appropriate revisions to the discussion draft, OCP will begin the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (MAPA) process.

This means that OCP will introduce the proposed rule to revise the current AUMP rule. Public participation is a critical component of the MAPA process, and OCP will identify and announce a public hearing date as well as a specific written public comment period for this formal process. Either or both of these 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. Because these changes are routine technical, the rule does not need to be submitted to the Legislature for review and consideration.

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,

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Director