



April 13, 2021

The Honorable Evan Low
Chair, Assembly Business and Professions Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 379
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: AB 1014 (McCarty): Cannabis: retailers: delivery: vehicles.
NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Chairman Low:

The California Cannabis Industry Association (CCIA) writes in support of Assembly Bill 1014 by Assemblymember Kevin McCarty. This bill requires the Bureau of Cannabis Control, by January 1, 2023, to develop regulations establishing different, higher “value tiers”, as defined” of cannabis goods which can be carried by cannabis delivery vehicles.

Only 32% of cities and counties currently allow for commercial retail cannabis within their jurisdiction. This lack of local access, coupled with the new consumer demands brought on by the ongoing pandemic, has meant that cannabis sales via delivery is a more popular method of consumer purchasing than ever before. Unfortunately, this has also meant that the current cannabis delivery value threshold of \$10,000 per delivery is too low for licensees to adequately meet consumer demand.

AB 1014 expands access to legal, regulated cannabis products to consumers throughout California by increasing the amount of cannabis goods a cannabis delivery vehicle may carry during departures. Specifically, this bill requires the Bureau to increase the maximum case value for delivery cars to \$15,000, and to establish a new delivery tier for cargo vans, with a maximum case value of \$25,000. For each delivery tier, regulations would require a majority of the goods being delivered be ordered prior to the departure of a vehicle, and AB 1014 requires the Bureau to work with the California Highway Patrol in developing transportation safety standards for each cannabis delivery value tier by January 1, 2023.

CCIA applauds the author for this thoughtful approach to expanding cannabis retail access, and would request that any future amendments contemplate a pathway to establish an additional, lower delivery value tier to accommodate delivery on two-wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles or scooters. In certain urban communities, cannabis delivery via motor vehicle can be cumbersome and inaccessible. As such, establishing an additional tier for delivery via two-wheeled vehicles would give consumers in densely populated areas more options for access, while ensuring proper transportation safety standards are in place to protect licensed employees.

Even in its current form, however, AB 1014 increases consumer access to legal cannabis while ensuring proper safety standards are in place to protect cannabis licensees, their employees, and their goods. For these reasons, CCIA supports AB 1014 and requests your AYE vote when it is heard in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Lindsay Robinson
Executive Director

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