



WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
STATE CAPITOL
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

September 17, 2018

The Honorable Patrick Morrissey
Office of the Attorney General
State Capitol Building
Building 1, Room E-26
Charleston, WV 25305

Attorney General Morrissey:

It was brought to the attention of the Joint Committee on Health during our September 17, 2018 interim meeting that Governor Jim Justice requested a legal opinion from your office regarding medical cannabis banking solutions suggested by the West Virginia Treasurer's Office. This request was made on May 18, 2018.

It is this Committee's understanding that the Governor's Office has received an informal response from your office. If a formal opinion is provided, the committee would appreciate this information being shared with the members of the Joint Committee on Health. If a formal opinion has not yet been provided to the Governor's Office, the Joint Committee on Health respectfully request this opinion be provided in the near future. The medical cannabis program is slated to become operational in January 2019, so the banking issue must be resolved sooner rather than later to ensure that the program moves forward.

Sincerely,

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Senator Tom Takubo, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Health

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Delegate Joe Ellington, Co-Chair
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Mitch Carmichael,
President
West Virginia State Senate
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Building 1, Room 227-M
Charleston, WV 25305

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Roger Hanshaw,
Speaker
West Virginia House of Delegates
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Building 1, Room 228-M
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear President Carmichael and Speaker Hanshaw:

The Joint Committee on Health heard a presentation from the West Virginia Treasurer's Office regarding the state's medical cannabis program. The Treasurer's Office provided information to the Governor, who requested a legal opinion from the Attorney General.

The Joint Committee on Health urges you to also request a legal opinion regarding financial institutions options suggested by the Treasurer's Office. This request would be identical to the request made by the Governor's Office on May 18, 2018. Attached is the request submitted by the Governor's Office.

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