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I am writing to voice our support of HB 5229 and ask that this be added as part of the committee record.

Ensuring that safe and effective cannabis products is a commitment that ACT and I'm sure the committee takes seriously. Bill 5229 allows for the state to operate a marijuana reference laboratory and to collect, transport, possess, test and perform research with marijuana. ACT Lab, currently operating in Lansing as well in the states of NY, Pa, Ill., Ohio and Florida are very much in support of HB 5229. Creation of state cannabis labs is consistent what we see in the states we operate and enables the following:

1. Working with existing labs, allows for the creation of testing standards to ensure overall consistency in results between labs
2. Operates as "referee lab" when conflicting results are seen between operating labs
3. Provides oversight, surveillance and enforcement when labs may not be operating in an appropriate manner
4. Allows for the creation of "blinded cannabis samples" which can be used to assess the proficiency of labs currently in operation

Potency inflation and microbial contaminate under-reporting are issues which are present not only in Michigan but all states in which we do business. The creation of the state reference lab should help ensure "what is in the bottle is on the label".



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