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**From:** Erik Urycki <EUrycki@nctl.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:44 AM  
**To:** Molly Wingrove  
**Cc:** Robin Schneider  
**Subject:** Public comment in support of HB 5529

Dear Members of the Michigan Legislative House Committee on Regulatory Reform,

I am writing to you today to express North Coast Testing Lab of Michigan's strong support for the establishment of a Cannabis Reference Laboratory. This initiative is not just a step towards advancing the state's cannabis industry but is essential for safeguarding consumer health, ensuring product integrity, and maintaining the legality of our market.

The creation of such a laboratory would serve as a robust protective measure for consumers, offering them peace of mind by verifying the safety and purity of cannabis products available in Michigan. By implementing standardized testing processes, it will be easier to identify and eliminate products that do not meet the required safety standards, thereby directly contributing to the well-being of our community.

Furthermore, this initiative will play a crucial role in combating the proliferation of fraudulent safety compliance facilities. By setting a high benchmark for testing, it will be more challenging for subpar operators to survive, ensuring that only those facilities that truly prioritize consumer safety and accurate product testing remain operational.

Lastly, the establishment of a Cannabis Reference Laboratory will act as a formidable barrier against the infiltration of illicit products into Michigan's legal cannabis market. By enforcing rigorous testing and compliance standards, it will significantly reduce the likelihood of unregulated and potentially dangerous products reaching our consumers, thereby preserving the integrity and trust in our legal market.

In conclusion, we strongly advocate for the passing of House Bill 5529. This legislation is pivotal not only for enhancing consumer protection but also for supporting the growth of a transparent, safe, and regulated cannabis industry in Michigan. I urge you to consider the profound impact this bill would have on public health, market integrity, and the state's economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to the people of Michigan.

Sincerely,

Erik Urycki  
Managing Partner, North Coast Testing Labs of Michigan