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*VIA E-MAIL ONLY*

December 9, 2021

Senator Jill Cohenour  
Chair, Revenue Interim Committee

Rep. Becky Beard  
Vice Chair, Revenue Interim Committee

Dear Chair Cohenour and Vice Chair Beard,

At its hearing today, a majority of the members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC) voted to recommend that the Revenue Interim Committee (RIC) object to Montana Administrative Register Notices [42-1033](#), [42-1040](#), and [42-1042](#). These notices primarily relate to the implementation [House Bill 701 \(2021\)](#), an act generally revising laws related to the regulation and taxation of marijuana.

The EAIC is recommending that RIC object to the rule notices under Montana Code Annotated section [2-4-305\(9\)](#), MCA and the [Memorandum of Understanding](#) that was executed by the committees on September 22, 2021. Under this section [2-4-305\(9\)](#), MCA, if a majority of the members of RIC inform you that they object to Administrative Register Notices [42-1033](#), [42-1040](#), and [42-1042](#), the statute would require the Department of Revenue, Cannabis Control Division to delay the adoption of the proposed rule until, at the least, the next RIC committee meeting.

Additionally, the EAIC voted to suspend its 10-day notice rules in order to conduct a hearing on Monday, December 13, 2021. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider whether the EAIC approves any changes to the rules between now and on Monday. Please note that the EAIC may vote to recommend that the RIC withdraw its objection, or parts of its objection, during Monday's meeting.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sen. Kenneth Bogner, presiding officer, Economic Affairs Interim Committee