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Dear Minister Philpott and Minister Wilson-Raybould,

I am writing on behalf of constituents who require clarity on the federal government's plan for new medical marijuana regulations ordered by the Federal Court in the *Allard* decision in February earlier this year.

Although your government has promised to legalize and regulate marijuana by introducing legislation next spring, Canadians who operated under the medical marijuana regulations are currently left in the dark. As you are aware, commercial producers, who are operating under the *Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations* (MMPR), must follow stringent requirements and demonstrate compliance, including regular audits by Health Canada inspectors, RCMP and Health Canada security clearances for staff, record keeping of all activities and inventories, and physical security measures to protect against potential diversion. Commercial producers have made substantial capital investments in their businesses and provide good jobs. However, without information regarding your government's plan for new medical marijuana regulations, they are operating in an uncertain business climate and cannot know if further investments and expansion to meet demand are practical.

Furthermore, Canadians holding a Personal-use Production Licence or a Designated-person Production Licence to grow medical marijuana under the previous *Marihuana Medical Access Regulations* (MMAR) are left in the same state of limbo. While Canadian courts have required reasonable access to a legal source of marijuana for medical purposes when authorized by a physician, the federal government has not given any indication of how they will implement new policy to comply with the decision. This leaves those holding licences from the MMAR not knowing if they should make

improvement or further investment in their growing equipment, which will often result in increased safety, as well as reduce hazards and irritations for neighbours.

I appreciate this is a complex issue. However, the federal government needs to take timely leadership and provide clarity for those affected by the expected medical marijuana regulations.

I look forward to your response so I can provide my constituents with the information they need to continue to operate functionally. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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