

August 8, 2022

Dear House Finance and Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services Committees & Senate Finance and Health and Human Services Committees,

We the members of the Scientific Review Council (SRC) are submitting this letter in support of the Cannabis Research and Policy Team from Colorado School of Public Health (CoSPH) interim July 1, 2022 report. The SRC has reviewed the report during open meetings and provided input both verbally and written. We also reviewed the data dashboard based on the preliminary data extraction of the 489 observational and randomized control trial studies established on their inclusion criteria. Although there are outcomes associated with the use of high-concentration THC, we do not have specific recommendations regarding the benefit or adverse outcomes of high-concentration THC at this time. We recommend an ongoing systemic review of the existing literature and anticipate future recommendations for research, policy, and public education upon review of the complete report from the Cannabis Research and Policy Team from CoSPH. We support the submission of their interim July 1, 2022 report and look forward to providing follow up comments on their final report in the coming months.

Sincerely,



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