



March 23, 2018

The Honorable Tom Lackey
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2174
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2717 – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Lackey:

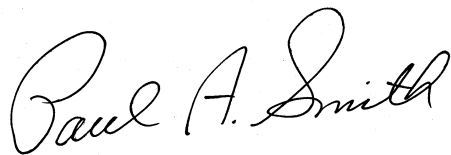
On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), the Urban Counties of California (UCC), and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), we offer our support for your Assembly Bill 2717, relating to municipal responsibilities in local enforcement of cannabis regulatory functions.

Current law gives cities and counties the authority to allow for licensed commercial cannabis activities. In jurisdictions that allow for commercial cannabis activities, there are certain local regulatory functions that are devolved from the state and to be performed locally (inspection of weights and measures, various local environmental health duties, etc.). However, due to a change in the local enforcement language adopted in last year's Senate Bill 94, it is unclear which locality is to perform the local regulatory function. AB 2717 is a compromise between cities and counties in clarifying the responsibility for regulatory functions concerning cannabis licensees within a jurisdiction. The bill includes language to explicitly state that cities may contract with counties to arrange for the fulfillment of regulatory functions within the incorporated area. Counties believe it is imperative that AB 2717 be enacted to address any ambiguities in current law to ensure the appropriate local regulatory functions are carried out and are beneficial to both cities and counties.

If you should have any questions or concerns with these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Paul A. Smith of RCRC at (916) 447-4806, Jolena Voorhis of UCC at (916) 327-7531, or Cara Martinson of CSAC at (916) 327-7500.

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Sincerely,



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