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Assemblyman Evan Low  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4126  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Low:

**RE: AB 2402 (Low) Cannabis: Privacy of Personal Information – SUPPORT**

On behalf of the California Growers Association (CGA) representing over 1000 members in 46 counties throughout California, we write to indicate our “support” position on AB 2402.

The bill would protect the personal information the consumer of cannabis products by prohibiting cannabis licensees from disclosing a consumer’s personal information to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. The bill also protects a consumer from discrimination if that consumer decides to keep their personal information provide.

As the cannabis industry knows all too well, access to banking and the ability to access traditional financial transaction systems continue to be extremely challenging. AB 2402 is carefully crafted to protect the integrity of payments and financial transactions required between licensees and consumers. Recent amendments specifically place cannabis licensees under CMIA, however the bill clarifies cannabis licensees are not health care providers for any other reason. CGA appreciates this clarification in the amended version of the bill.

CGA supports the efforts to protect the personal privacy of our members and the personal information of the consumers who choose to consume regulated cannabis products. Our organization is thankful for your continued leadership on cannabis policy. Please consider us a resource to ensure this important bill continues to advance.

Sincerely,

Hezekiah D. Allen



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