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Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Wendland, Justine AGRI:EX
Subject: 82167

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Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 4:27 PM
To: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Subject: FW: Invitation to Greatful Med

From: Greatful Med [<mailto:greatfulmed.vancouver@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 7, 2018 12:26 PM
To: Popham.MLA, Lana
Subject: Invitation to Greatful Med

MLA: Lana Popham

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British Columbia Legislative Assembly

Dear Ms. Popham,

I write to you on behalf of The Greatful Med Cannabis Society, and our costumers. We would like to invite you to meet with us and enjoy a visit at our shop at your earliest convenience.

We would appreciate the opportunity to show you an aspect of the exciting, thriving, self-regulating cannabis industry with a view of our shop, which is a part of this incredibly successful British Columbian story.

We have concerns with key issues on the legalization that is coming to Canada this year. At the moment it is estimated that BC provides 40%+ of Canada's cannabis, and 11%+ of the world. Given the reputation and success of BC cannabis, how can we keep this amazing accomplish in the hands of British Columbians? How and why would, of all times, in this time, act slightly less like Ontario, and think that is acceptable? Let a vision of wealth and successes benefiting all British Columbians fill our hearts and minds, instead of capitulating to the dying capitalistic model Canada has been following, that of laying down our success, hard work and ownership at the feet of corporations!

Please understand this British Columbia, today, has an opportunity to be a shooting star to which the country can hook its wagon. British Columbians have the infrastructure to grow, labs to test products, and are willing to collaborate on the standards that legalization of cannabis requires. We embrace this opportunity. But it appears that all the hard work will be swept away with one heedless, no vision swipe of Goliath's hand, from our own provincial gov't. As much as this hurts, frustrates and exasperates it is the fact that deep pockets seem to be working the arm of the gov't. that leads to this invitation.

Now if this invitation is feeling like a dare, it isn't meant too. Our costumers, who are teachers, athletes, lawyers, costume designers, retail workers, people from many walks of life would like to be heard and seen. We at our shop would love to be able to say you care enough, you have a big enough vision for our province and the opportunity to embrace what the hard working British Columbians have done to bring us to these amazing possibilities, by a visit from you.

Come for a visit, let us hear from you and give us a listen and together we can put BC in a better position to be a leader in Canada and the world. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hendrix

The Greatful Med

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To: Minister, FIN FIN:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Subject: meeting request

Minister James;

The BC Greenhouse Growers' Association respectfully requests a meeting with you to share our concerns regarding the rapid application of cost increases that agricultural business are being forced to absorb. These increases erode profit (to the extent there is any). The extremely thin margins shared by the current greenhouse growers is evidenced by the rapid departure of growers from this sector into Cannabis production. If the BC Government wants to support local food production we need some considerations and relief.

The big ticket items are;

- the MSP taxation plan, the current narrative seems to be that all employers were covering MSP premiums already. This is not the case for the BC Greenhouse Growers' Association members and this will be a pure cost increase.
- the rapid minimum wage increases, they do not allow us to properly plan price bids to our customers, we are competing with Mexico for market share, in Mexico they earn less per day than we will be paying per hour.
- the increase in the carbon tax, we do receive a rebate (thank you) as we deliberately produce CO2 to feed our plants but the 20% not rebated does represent a significant cost to our growers.

We are happy to meet with you wherever you would like, I know you have an office in Victoria and in your home riding, maybe you have an office in Vancouver? We would also be very happy to meet with you and combine it with a visit/tour of one of our greenhouses. I don't know if you have ever had the opportunity to tour a greenhouse but I think you would find it very interesting, I know Premier Horgan enjoyed his tour last year. It certainly introduces another perspective to the conversation. Many of our greenhouses are near the Vancouver airport so we could combine it with one of your trips when you pass through Vancouver.

Thank you;

Regards

Linda Delli Santi

Executive Director

BC Greenhouse Growers' Association

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From: Central Saanich Community Association [<mailto:csca@shaw.ca>]
Sent: Saturday, February 24, 2018 6:19 PM
To: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX; ALR and ALC Revitalization AGRI:EX
Subject: ALR Protection for Food

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From: Minister, AGRI AGRI:EX
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 2:14 PM
To: s.22
Subject: RE: Evergreen medicinal Supply, (stanhope Farm Property)

Dear Mr. Fulton:

Thank you for your email regarding the production of cannabis in BC. A Minister's Advisory Committee was struck in order to study and provide recommendations to the Minister on ALR revitalization. The question of Cannabis production on ALR land is being examined by this committee as part of their process. Given the importance of this topic, our office is extending an offer to those who have written to the Minister, in MLA or Minister capacity, on the topic of cannabis and ALR land to forward their correspondence to the Minister's Advisory Committee for their review. If you would like your correspondence forwarded to the Minister's Advisory Committee please reply to this email indicating that you consent to the Minister's Office forwarding your correspondence to the Minister's Advisory Committee. Given there has been a significant influx of expression on this topic we will do our best to respond to those who have sent in correspondence before the end of March. You can also provide written submissions to the committee directly by emailing ALR_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca.

Thanks again for writing. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office if you have further questions.

Sincerely,
Office of the Minister

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:55 AM
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