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**From:** Ernest Heapy <E.Heapy@fcl.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017 3:14 PM  
**To:** Health, HLTH HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX; Minister, JTST JTST:EX; Brad Bauml; Ronald Welke  
**Subject:** Legalization and Regulation of Cannabis  
**Attachments:** 2017-01-31 British Columbia Minister Health Letter Cannabis.pdf

Good Day Minister Lake

On behalf of Brad Bauml, Executive Vice-President, Ag and Consumer Business, Federated Co-operatives Limited, please find attached a letter outlining our position on medical cannabis.

As you and your Ministry of Health officials prepare for discussions with your federal counterparts, prior to and after the release of the proposed federal legislation, Federated Co-operatives Limited wishes to initiate an on-going discussion on the legalization and regulation of cannabis .

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please confirm your receipt of this information by providing a reply e-mail.

Regards,  
Ernest Heapy

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Hon. Terry Lake  
Minister of Health  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Sir:

**Subject: Federal Government's Task Force Report on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation**

The Federal Government's Final Report of the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation was released on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The report outlines several roles for the provincial government including one in establishing a safe and responsible supply chain. As you and your Ministry of Health officials prepare for discussions with your federal counterparts, prior to and after the release of the proposed federal legislation, Federated Co-operatives Limited wishes to initiate an on-going discussion on the legalization and regulation of cannabis.

Today, Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL), based in Saskatoon, is the 56<sup>th</sup> largest company in Canada, with \$8.4 billion in sales in 2016. As a co-operative, FCL is owned by 202 autonomous retail co-operatives across Western Canada. Together, FCL and these local retail co-operatives form the Co-operative Retailing System (CRS). The CRS serves members and communities with products and services to help build, feed and fuel individuals through 2,500 retail locations in more than 500 communities, of which 72 are in British Columbia. The CRS is a significant employer, providing 24,500 jobs; 1,363 of these employees are located in British Columbia. The CRS operates 289 food stores, 423 convenience stores, 88 liquor outlets, 65 pharmacies and as such, the CRS is interested in this pending legislation as an employer with an extensive retail network across the province.

In establishing a safe and responsible supply chain, the Task Force recognizes there will be a role to be played by provinces and territories. As the province contemplates their role, we ask that the government consider the following points.

We support the Task Force recommendation to "maintain a separate medical access framework to support patients." FCL believes medical cannabis should be distributed along with other prescription medications, through pharmacies. We view pharmacists as the best option to enhance patient safety and accessibility and the best equipped to provide clinical advice and appropriate oversight. Pharmacist involvement would help identify potential drug interaction problems, provide the opportunity for patient counselling and identify potential addictive behavior. Pharmacies already have an infrastructure to handle controlled substances and have secure supply chains in place. Pharmacists are already perceived as trusted personnel within the healthcare system.

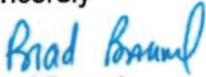
FCL's position is consistent the Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada's position that pharmacists be brought into the circle of care for patients and within the distribution network of medical cannabis throughout the nation. Pharmacies are uniquely placed to help deliver medical cannabis in a safe and responsible manner.

While the Task Force recommended continued distribution of medical cannabis under the existing regulatory framework, we encourage the government to expedite work the Task Force identified was required to accommodate changes to the medical cannabis regime to allow for pharmacy distribution.

As the province works to find solutions to the introduction of legalized cannabis in British Columbia, FCL wishes to remain engaged in the development of solutions. To schedule follow-up, please contact Ernest Heapy, Government Relations Manager at 306-649-5681 or [e.heapy@fcl.ca](mailto:e.heapy@fcl.ca).

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you and your staff over the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely



Brad Bauml  
Executive Vice President Ag & Consumer Business

cc. Hon. Suzanne Anton, Minister of Justice and Attorney General  
Hon. Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and  
Minister Responsible for Labour





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Dear Mr. Bauml:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, to Minister Terry Lake concerning Federated Co-operatives Limited interest in cannabis legalization and regulation. Your letter has been referred to me for a response.

I appreciate you bringing your interests in this issue to our attention, and for providing your perspective on the future of the medical cannabis system, and potential distribution of medical cannabis through pharmacies.

Your perspectives will be taken into consideration as the province considers this issue.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

Warren O'Briain  
Executive Director

pc: Ernest Heapy  
Government Relations Manager  
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**From:** Morris, Kirsty L <Kirsty.Morris@leg.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:57 AM  
**To:** Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Can you help me?  
**Attachments:** cassiobury-court-logo.png  
  
**Categories:** FYI

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**From:** Mark [<mailto:mark@cassioburycourt-email.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** February 18, 2017 3:36 PM  
**To:** Lake.MLA, Terry  
**Subject:** Can you help me?

Hello,

My name is Mark and I work for an organisation that rehabilitates people who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction. You can read about us here: [www.cassioburycourt.com](http://www.cassioburycourt.com).

We have just completed an infographic titled "**A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Cannabis Legalisation**". You can look at this infographic here: [www.cassioburycourt.com/article/89/cannabis-legalisation-in-the-uk-a-cost-benefit-analysis-\[infographic\]](http://www.cassioburycourt.com/article/89/cannabis-legalisation-in-the-uk-a-cost-benefit-analysis-[infographic]).

I hope you enjoy reading this infographic. Please share it on social media if you get any value out of it. I've also included an 'embed' code (found [below the infographic here](#)) so feel free to add the infographic to your own blog. If you do so, please attribute the source using the below text:

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Many thanks,

**Mark Peters**  
**Website:** [www.cassioburycourt.com](http://www.cassioburycourt.com)



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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** Will, Jordan HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** HLTH PPH Documents Processing HLTH:EX; Docs Processing HLTH:EX; Michell, Jennifer HLTH:EX; Furmek, Maria A HLTH:EX; Isaac, Lori HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** 1081173 - ANSWER to DMO re: MO - Industry consultation on cannabis legalization?

Hi Jordan,

Yes, please assign to PPH via eApps.

**PPH Docs** – please assign to **Brian Emerson** to return the telephone call and provide a telephone report back summary.

**Maria/Lori** – this will come to your office via a new eApp – please assign to Brian Emerson.

Thank you,  
Renee

**Renee Barnes**  
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**To:** Barnes, Renee A HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** HLTH PPH Documents Processing HLTH:EX; Michell, Jennifer HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Industry consultation on cannabis legalization?  
**Importance:** High

Good morning Renee,

Would Dr. Brian Emerson be the most appropriate person to speak to this individual? Or perhaps Arlene?

Please let me know so I can relay that information to the MO.

Thank you,

**JORDAN WILL**  
Director, Executive Operations  
Office of the Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Health



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**From:** O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017 10:07 AM  
**To:** Will, Jordan HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Industry consultation on cannabis legalization?  
**Importance:** High

Can you get someone from the ministry for me to point this guy too.

Thanks!

**Kellie O'Brien**  
Chief of Staff to the  
Honourable Terry Lake  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 7, 2017 9:06 AM  
**To:** O'Brien, Kellie HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** DMOFFICE, HLTH HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** Industry consultation on cannabis legalization?  
**Importance:** High

Hi Kellie,

I am contacting you in my capacity as Director of Government Affairs for Privateer Holdings – a private equity firm that invests in the legal cannabis industry. One of our subsidiary companies is [Tilray](#) – a federally licensed producer of medical cannabis, located in Nanaimo, B.C.

I understand that the BC Ministry of Health is considering undertaking industry consultation with Licensed Producers on the issue of cannabis legalization. I wonder if you might have more information on that that you could please share with me, or alternatively, put me in touch with the point person at the ministry overseeing that file?

Many thanks!  
Cameron

**Cameron Bishop**  
Director, Government Affairs



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**SUMMARY  
STAFF TO MEET OBO MINISTER**

1081173

**Ministry Attendees:** Dr. Brian Emerson

**Summary:** Telephone call discussion with Mr. Cameron Bishop, March 20, 11 am.

Mr. Bishop is interested in how external stakeholders such as the company he represents can be involved in discussions with government regarding the cannabis legalization initiative. I explained that the BC is not conducting external stakeholder consultations at this time, and that we are waiting to see what the federal government does with regards to their policy direction and legislation.

I told Mr. Bishop that we would keep his contact information on file and get back to him if we initiate an external consultation process.

**Program Area:** Population and Public Health Division, Public Health Services

**Date:** March 31, 2017

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**From:** Minister\_Ministre <Minister\_Ministre@hc-sc.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:21 AM  
**To:** Lake, Terry HLTH:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** Correspondence from the Federal Minister of Health 17-104071-888  
**Attachments:** 17-104071-888 BC Lake.pdf

Please find attached correspondence from the Minister of Health Canada.

*(See attached file: 17-104071-888 BC Lake.pdf)*

Thank you  
Health Canada

Minister of Health



Ministre de la Santé

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0K9

APR 13 2017

The Honourable Terry Lake, M.L.A.  
Minister of Health  
Province of British Columbia  
Room 337, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Dear Minister:

I am writing to inform you of the introduction of the proposed Act respecting cannabis and to amend the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, the *Criminal Code* and other Acts (the *Cannabis Act*), in Parliament today.

The introduction of this Bill is an important step in fulfilling the Government of Canada's commitment to better protect public health and safety by legalizing, strictly regulating, and restricting access to cannabis to keep it out of the hands of youth, and to keep profits out of the hands of criminals.

The introduction of the Bill follows many months of consultation, led by the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation. The Task Force consulted senior officials from most provincial and territorial governments and stakeholders across Canada. Its final report was released on December 13, 2016, and is available online in both official languages at <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/task-force-marijuana-groupe-etude/framework-cadre/index-eng.php>. The advice provided by the provinces and territories was invaluable to the Task Force and played a large role in the development of the new legislation currently before Parliament.

The proposed *Cannabis Act* would create a strict framework to control the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis in Canada with the objectives of keeping it out of the hands of young people and keeping profits from criminals and organized crime. This Bill would establish federal responsibility for regulating the production of cannabis, with the provinces and territories overseeing distribution and retail sale, based on minimum federal

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standards to provide for a level of national consistency. The legislation would also provide for criminal offences and penalties, exemptions to permit adult possession, restrictions and new offences to better protect youth, product safety and quality standards and requirements, and compliance and enforcement measures.

Provincial and territorial governments will play a critical role in the successful implementation of the legal framework, including licensing distribution and retail sale and related compliance and enforcement, and establishing local zoning and by-laws for cannabis-based businesses. Jurisdictions may also choose to enact additional or more restrictive requirements beyond those defined in the Bill (e.g., setting higher minimum age limits or more restrictive limits on possession or personal cultivation), and create or amend local by-laws restricting where cannabis may be consumed (e.g., not in a motor vehicle or where smoking tobacco is prohibited). Active involvement of the provincial and territorial governments will be critical in helping to ensure that youth do not have access to cannabis (e.g., enforcing the minimum age) and that those who sell outside the legal framework face criminal penalties.

It is important to recognize that this Bill is just one part of the Government of Canada's efforts to legalize, strictly regulate and restrict access to cannabis. We have heard from provinces, territories and stakeholders about the importance of public education and raising awareness of the health and safety risks of cannabis use. We have started public education and awareness activities to better inform Canadians about cannabis, particularly young people, to reduce the harms associated with its use. Our efforts will complement your local efforts and school-based education and counselling. We will also continue to communicate with the public to ensure they clearly understand what is legal and what is not. We are also collecting cannabis-related data to monitor and evaluate the effects of this legislation and to facilitate future research.

Finally, the Government has also introduced further legislation in Parliament today to enact stronger measures and strengthen penalties to prevent, and respond to, driving while impaired by drugs. The main objective of this second Bill is to strengthen the *Criminal Code* response to both drug and alcohol-impaired driving to increase deterrence and save lives. The Bill would authorize the use of roadside drug screening devices and create new criminal offences of driving with a blood drug concentration over a "legal limit."

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The Bill would also simplify and modernize the provisions governing the investigation, proof and prosecution of alcohol-impaired and drug-impaired driving. It would authorize mandatory alcohol screening, increase certain minimum fines and certain maximum penalties, and facilitate proof of blood alcohol concentration.

The Government of Canada is committed to ongoing collaboration and consultation as we move forward with our commitment to legalize, strictly regulate and restrict access to cannabis. We have directed federal officials to provide the F/P/T Senior Officials Working Group on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation with a technical briefing on the Bill and any technical guidance that may be requested by jurisdictions. We believe this forum should continue to meet regularly to share information and perspectives and discuss key issues while the Bill is considered by Parliament, and as the federal government develops regulations and prepares for implementation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane Philpott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jane" and last name "Philpott" clearly distinguishable.

The Honourable Jane Philpott, P.C., M.P.



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The Honourable Jane Philpott, MP  
Minister of Health  
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Dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 2017, regarding the introduction of the proposed Act respecting cannabis and amendments to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, the *Criminal Code*, and other Acts. I am pleased to respond on behalf of the Ministry of Health.

I appreciate your government's commitment to collaboration and consultation with the provinces and territories, and understand that British Columbia representatives continue to participate in the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Senior Officials Working Group on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation.

Sincerely,

Heather Davidson  
Assistant Deputy Minister

**Stearn, Anne HLTH:EX**

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**From:** John Aird <johna@aphria.com>  
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**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Subject:** Recreational Cannabis Federal Legislation  
**Attachments:** Aphria Letter To Provincial Governments Re Rec Legislation - BRITISH COL....pdf; ATT00001.htm; image001.png; ATT00002.htm

Dear Premier:

Please find a letter from our CEO attached.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks and have a great weekend.



April 20, 2017

The Honourable Christy Clark, MLA

Premier of British Columbia  
PO Box 9041  
Station Provincial Government  
Victoria, BC V8V 9E1  
Canada

**Subject: Recreational Cannabis Federal Legislation**

Dear Premier Clark,

As you are aware, on April 13<sup>th</sup> the Government of Canada tabled legislation to legalize and regulate the use of cannabis.

Aphria Inc. (Aphria), located in Leamington, Ontario, is one of Canada's lowest cost producers of medical cannabis. Aphria is truly powered by sunlight, allowing for the most natural growing conditions available. We are committed to providing pharma-grade medical cannabis and superior patient care while balancing patient economics and returns to shareholders.

We welcome the federal government's introduction of a regulatory framework legalizing and regulating cannabis for Canadians to keep profits out of the hands of the black market, restrict access to youth, and ensure a supply of clean and safe product. Aphria has a proven track record of supplying Canadian patients with safe, clean, and high-quality medical grade cannabis. Through our strategic growth plan, we will have the capacity to supply high quality cannabis at one of the lowest costs in industry and meet the recreational demand for cannabis.

While Aphria welcomes the introduction of the legislative framework, we strongly believe strict regulations are necessary to set clear and enforceable rules to ensure that customers are protected and have access to safe and high quality cannabis. Based on our management team's extensive pharmaceutical and agricultural experience, we believe there is a critical need to set clear and enforceable rules including the introduction of a strict product-testing regime across the sector. The significant increase in demand that will come with the introduction of the recreational market even further solidifies the need for stricter regulations to keep consumers safe.

Like the pharmaceutical industry, our position is that these costs be absorbed by industry, and not government. This eliminates any foreseeable staffing or resource problems the federal government faces and prevents the industry from not abiding by regulations. This new regime would include Health Canada visiting industry members regularly and, in addition to surveying their operations, testing their products for safety.





With the recreational market being introduced, Aphria is well positioned to match quality with price, once the federal and provincial regulations are in place. We look forward to working with you and your officials in the drafting of the provincial legislation and regulations. Please do not hesitate to contact Aphria if we can be of assistance as industry-leaders in the cannabis space.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vic Neufeld', is written over a faint, circular watermark.

Vic Neufeld  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Aphria Inc.

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The Honourable Terry Lake  
Minister of Health  
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## McCormick, Erika HLTH:EX

**From:** Dave Rozenfeld <dave@theccsgroup.ca>  
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**To:** Lake.MLA, Terry LASS:EX  
**Cc:** Ron Gersh; Health, HLTH HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** Meeting Request -- MedReleaf

**Categories:** Invitations/Meeting Requests

Hello Honourable Minister Lake,

I am contacting you on behalf of Neil Closner, CEO, MedReleaf Corporation – the largest provider (Licensed Producer) of medical cannabis in Canada.

As the Federal Government moves closer to the legalization of marijuana, Neil would like to meet with you to understand the direction that British Columbia is moving forward with and more specifically, to get a sense of the position that your ministries have taken with regard to this initiative. Neil has previously met with the Department of Health, the Department of Public Safety, the Prime Minister's Office and various other government stakeholders at the Federal and Provincial (Ontario) level. Just a few weeks ago we made our way out to New Brunswick and Saskatchewan for two very productive meetings with the respective leads on the legalization file in the province's Ministry of Health and Public Safety.

As he's done in previous meetings, Neil is hoping to provide advice for the development of a plan of action for the province once the legalization process is underway and is hoping to share some insights on his organization's existing operations and distribution networks to provide logistical/distribution intelligence for the formation of the province's roll out strategy.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let me know if there are any dates/times in the near future when you would be available to meet with Neil.

Regards,

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**SUMMARY**  
**STAFF TO MEET OBO MINISTER**

**Cliff #1073737**

**Meeting with:** Neil Closner - CEO of MedReleaf - Medical Cannabis provider, by telephone, February 22 2017

**Ministry Attendee:** Dr. Brian Emerson

**Summary:**

- MedReleaf is one of the largest producers of medical cannabis in Canada, based in Ontario.
- The purpose of the call was to introduce MedReleaf to the province and the status of its planning for the federal government's initiative to legalize cannabis.
- He offered that if their expertise and provision of any information could be of assistance to BC, to call on them.
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- He closed by indicating willingness to be available for further discussions.

**Program Area:** Public Health Services Branch & Office of Aboriginal Health

**Date:** March 9, 2017

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**Subject:** 1073737 - resp MO meeting request obo MTL with Neil Closner - CEO of MedReleaf - Medical Cannabis provider.  
**Date:** Friday, March 10, 2017 4:46:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [1073737 - MEETING SUMMARY-MedReleaf.docx](#)  
[1073737 - MO req staff to meet obo MTL - CEO Neil Closner MedReleaf Corp.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Attached is the meeting summary for your request for staff to meet on behalf of Minister Lake with Neil Closner, CEO of MedReleaf. This has been approved by Arlene Paton, ADM and Lynn Stevenson, Assoc. DM.

Thank you!

Debra Hartlen

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