



Micro Grow New Mexico

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Governor Lujan Grisham
New Mexico State Legislature
The People of New Mexico

Re: The importance of sound Micro Grow policies for a sustainable cannabis industry in New Mexico

Micro Grow New Mexico believes that the only way to support long-term and diversified economic growth and social equity throughout NM is to support the development of small and medium-sized locally owned businesses.

This starts with legalizing adult-use cannabis. Small acreage family farms, landowners with usable structures, Personal Production License (PPL) holders, community gardeners, traditional healers and New Mexican entrepreneurs represent the framework and foundation for what will be the long-term and locally oriented cannabis market in New Mexico going forward.

We do NOT want a few 200+ acre corporate-run farms, employing a few dozen people in total and reporting to executives based out-of-state, producing the majority of the cannabis for sale in New Mexico.

The integrated microbusiness and producer microbusiness categories and licensing, as generally contemplated in House Bill 12, will be the major contributor to the long-term and stable development of this industry within the state and must be the key focus of this legislation.

The following measures are critical for HB12 to be successful for small communities:

- Industry wide plant counts / other measures to ensure no producer supplies greater than than 25% of the total market output, statewide
- Ability to have 200 MATURE plants on site, plus the immature plants of the next crop
- Environmental sustainability – state incentives should be developed to help offset the initial cost of wind, solar, water capture and geo-thermal initiatives by micro growers
- A focus on ensuring medicinal supply – state incentives should prioritize micro growers over commercial growers
- PPL growers who apply to convert to microbusiness licenses have pre-approval to grow on May 1, 2021 to ensure they can align production with the growing season
- On-site retail and consumption spaces
- Special license category for any microbusiness committing to 1) produce a single crop, during the solar growing season of the year, and 2) in so doing forego the use of any supplemental lighting past the seedling stage of growth; 400 MATURE plants would be allowed for this single crop micro business license

Small, local, sustainable and equitable; together, we will Micro Grow New Mexico.

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