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## **Washington CannaBusiness Association Celebrates Productive 2016 Legislative Session**

*WACA successfully led on the only industry-supported bills to pass in 2016  
Session*

WASHINGTON – The Washington CannaBusiness Association (WACA) today celebrated a successful 2016 Legislative Session. WACA was the only professional marijuana industry association to introduce legislation which survived the unexpected special session and that will be signed into law. As the sole industry association in Washington State representing licensed marijuana producers, processors and retailers, WACA’s commitment to a safe, quality-controlled and fully regulated marketplace is reflected in the public policy supported by its members. WACA’s track-record of working collaboratively with regulators and elected leaders directly corresponds with its priority to build a solid foundation for a safe and regulated industry and to be responsible neighbors in the communities where members operate.

### **2016**

- HB 2584: Creates new protections to support the safety and privacy of individuals applying for or holding an I-502 license issued by the Liquor and Cannabis Board.
- SB 6341: Supports increased education about cannabis products between producers, processors, retailers and consumers by allowing vendor-days while also upholding strict marketing regulations aimed at keeping marijuana out of the hands of kids.

### **2015**

- Cannabis Patient Protection Act: Earned overwhelming bipartisan support to create a single regulated marketplace for recreational and medical marijuana.
- 2HB 2136: Created a new streamlined tax structure for the regulated industry to eliminate unintended consequences of I-502 such as double-taxation. Also created new regulations to allow third-party safe transport of cannabis products and associated revenue.

“We are pleased to wrap up another legislative session where we successfully represented the voices of the regulated marijuana industry in Olympia,” said **WACA**

**Executive Director Vicki Christophersen.** “Our work is far from over, particularly in creating a safe, science-based regulatory framework for pesticides. Nonetheless, we are pleased with our success in representing the interests of our members. We are especially thankful for the hard-work, dedication and leadership of the Liquor and Cannabis Board and members of the State House, Senate and Governor Inslee for continuing to support a safe marketplace for cannabis.”

### **About Washington CannaBusiness Association**

Washington CannaBusiness Association solely represents Washington’s licensed and regulated cannabis businesses and provides its members with general support and representation before regulatory agencies and the legislature. As an association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers who have gathered to promote the private cannabis industry created by Initiative 502 and our member companies, our mission is to advocate on behalf of our member companies in the legislative, regulatory, legal and public policy arenas.

Learn more about Washington CannaBusiness Association by visiting our website at <http://www.wacannabusiness.org>

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