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## Washington CannaBusiness Association Celebrates Evergreen Herbal Leadership in Marketplace

Licensed Seattle processor only marijuana business to earn spot on Puget Sound Business Journal's 100 Fastest-Growing Companies List

WASHINGTON – Today the Washington CannaBusiness Association (WACA) applauded the selection of Evergreen Herbal, WACA member, on the *Puget Sound Business Journal*'s 100 Fastest-Growing Companies List in 2017. Evergreen Herbal, an I-502 licensed processor, is based in Seattle and is the only business operating in the legal cannabis marketplace to have earned a spot on this year's list, ranking as #27 on the annual list.

"Our members work hard every day to support a safe, quality-controlled and regulated cannabis marketplace in Washington State that keeps marijuana out of the hands of minors," said Vicki Christophersen, WACA executive director. "We are proud of Evergreen Herbal's success in the marketplace and their ownership's leadership in their community, Olympia and in Washington D.C. As our nascent legal marketplace continues to grow, Evergreen Herbal's success is shared not just by their dedicated employees, but also by registered patients and recreational consumers who rely on our regulated marketplace to purchase a safe product."

Andy Brassington, Chief Financial Officer for Evergreen Herbal, <u>recently published</u> a guest column in the *Puget Sound Business Journal*, sharing WACA's priorities for our state's federal delegation. **He wrote:** 

"It is fitting that the Washington CannaBusiness Association — the regulated industry's professional association of cannabis producers, processors and retailers — is helping lead our state's delegation to Washington, D.C. this month, five years after the passage of Initiative 502. When voters approved a legal cannabis marketplace in 2012, no other state had a legal market for cannabis. Today, eight states have legalized cannabis for adult recreational use, including the entire West Coast. Patients and general consumers spent \$6.7 billion on legal cannabis in 2016, according to an Arcview Market Research report."

## **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.

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