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MARYLAND MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

August 15, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION AND US MAIL

Mr. Brian M. Bickerton  
Mazey Farms LLC  
4680 Morgan Court  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

**Re: Application for Medical Cannabis Grower License**

Dear Mr. Brian M. Bickerton:

Thank you for your interest in a Medical Cannabis Grower License. After a careful review of your application, I am writing to advise you that, although your application was ranked among the top twenty (20) applications received for Medical Cannabis Grower Licenses, at this time Mazey Farms LLC was not selected for Pre-Approval to pursue a Medical Cannabis Grower License in the State of Maryland for the reasons set out more fully below.

The application review process was conducted as set out in COMAR 10.62.08.05. As you know, the Commission enlisted the services of the Regional Economic Studies Institute (RESI) to assist in reviewing and evaluating the applications received from interested applicants. The Commission received scoring information on one hundred and twenty-seven (127) applicants seeking a Medical Cannabis Grower License, despite having statutory authority to issue no more than fifteen (15) medical cannabis grower licenses. The Commission gave very careful consideration to applications that scored in the top 20% of all grower applicants.

Your application was evaluated highly enough to rank in the top twenty (20) applications received for Medical Cannabis Grower Licenses, but was not evaluated highly enough to be selected for immediate Pre-Approval to proceed. As stated at the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, all Pre-Approvals issued are expressly conditioned upon investigations of applicants' backgrounds and financial due diligence. Additionally, Pre-Approved applicants face a number of requirements in the coming weeks and months before they may be deemed eligible for a license. If any of the presently Pre-Approved applicants is unable to complete the steps necessary to be awarded a license, the Commission intends to proceed to the next ranked applicant within the top twenty.

This is an administrative action, and will not impair your ability to apply for a Medical Cannabis Grower License in the future. If you would like to contact the Commission regarding this letter, please do so by email to [dhmh.medicalcannabisapplications@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.medicalcannabisapplications@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

*Paul W. Davies, MD*

Paul W. Davis, MD, Chairman  
Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission