



Testimony HB 1: Constitutional Amendment - Cannabis - Adult Use and Possession

Position: SUPPORT

Judiciary Committee

February 14, 2022

Dear Chair Clippinger and members of the Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of Trulieve, I respectfully urge a favorable vote on HB 01, giving the choice of legalizing adult use cannabis to Maryland voters.

Trulieve is an industry leading, vertically integrated cannabis company and multi-state operator in the U.S. operating in 11 states, with leading market positions in Arizona, Florida, and Pennsylvania. Our recent acquisition of Harvest Health expands our footprint in the northeast with additional affiliated facilities in Pennsylvania and entry into Maryland with our dispensaries in Halethorpe, Rockville, and Towson as well as our processing and cultivation facility in Hancock. By providing innovative, high-quality products across its brand portfolio, Trulieve delivers optimal customer experiences and increases access to cannabis, helping patients and customers to live without limits.

We look forward to working with the Maryland General Assembly and regulators to combine HB 1 with legislation that charts an equitable path to adult recreational cannabis in partnership with existing businesses. For example, in other markets, we have created equity and ownership partnerships that have allowed us to couple local community members with industry expertise to create an equitable and well-rounded cannabis marketplace.

We thank Chair Clippinger for his leadership on this bill and look forward creating hundreds more family supporting wage jobs as the cannabis industry expands across Maryland.

Lauren Niehaus
Director of Government Relations
Lauren.Niehaus@trulieve.com
303.827.9039