

Addressing New York's Cannabis Challenges: Solutions for a Thriving Industry

Prioritize internal reforms within the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to restore regulatory credibility.

Consistent Communication: Ensure consistent and transparent communication from OCM to licensees and applicants.

Guidance on Program Changes: Provide clear guidance on program changes to alleviate uncertainty among stakeholders.

Streamlining Regulations

Simplify Processes: Streamline regulatory processes to reduce complexity and increase accessibility for applicants.

Equity Without Complexity: Emphasize that equity goals do not require unnecessary complexity in regulations.

Comprehensive Equity Programming

Beyond Licensing: Expand focus beyond licensing to include comprehensive equity programming, such as community investment initiatives like CAURD and Seeding Opportunity.

Addressing Illicit Market Impact: Recognize the significant impact of the illicit market on communities and prioritize initiatives to support affected areas.

Enabling Licensed Businesses

Take swift action to enable licensed businesses to compete effectively with the illicit market.

Timely Retail License Issuance: Expedite the issuance of retail licenses to eligible applicants to establish regulated channels for consumers.

Governance and Future Outlook

Efficient Bureaucracies: Emphasize the importance of efficient bureaucracies and knowledgeable civil servants in ensuring successful industry development.

Promising Future

Despite challenges, recognize the potential for New York's cannabis industry with proactive regulatory reforms and commitment to equity and transparency.

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