

September 17, 2021

Director Adria Berry
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Dear Director Berry:

On behalf of Oklahoma's farmers, ranchers and rural citizens, the undersigned organizations write with great concern for the explosive growth in the number of marijuana grow facilities in rural Oklahoma. According to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority's (OMMA) website, as of September 3rd, there were 8,630 grower permits issued in the state of Oklahoma. According to the 2017 Agriculture Census, this exceeds the number of Oklahoma wheat farms (6510), pork farms (1906), soybean farms (1750), cotton farms (808) and dairy farms (471)!

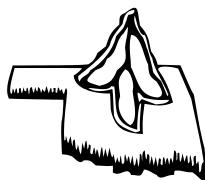
We write to respectfully request that you issue a temporary moratorium on issuing any more grower permits. We suggest the moratorium be put in place immediately and expire no later than June 1, 2022.

This pause will allow OMMA to catch up with inspection of current permits along with consideration of how new and existing grower permits should be regulated. Further, the 'seed to sale' tracking rules are currently not being enforced due to pending guidance by the state's court. Without these (or something similar) important rules in place, OMMA cannot properly track the production and sale of raw marijuana products in Oklahoma. Finally, important regulatory authority issues must be addressed such as waste disposal, water availability, bonding, utility strains, ad valorem assessment and many others.

This new industry is fundamentally changing rural Oklahoma. An immediate moratorium on issuing permits will give time to consider appropriate and proper actions to preserve rural Oklahoma.

Thank you for your careful and thoughtful consideration. We anxiously await your response.

Sincerely,
Oklahoma Agricultural Aviation Association
Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association
Oklahoma Dairy Producers Association
Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association
Oklahoma Soybean Association



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