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## Senate bill 56 Paragon Development Group opposing comments and notes:

-We disagree with the restriction on expansion. We were told 15K sq feet was cleared for permitting. Our company already committed money and land for our build out and now with the restriction have made that plan very difficult if not impossible for our company to achieve.

-Disagree with the increase in 15% tax will restrict the current damaged landscape that a;ready occurs in the state driving more business into other markets outside of the Ohio market. We disagree on taking 100 percent of the taxes from current local community markets. We already have a hard enough time entering into community markets.

-We disagree with having separated in the vault, for each the medical and adult use products creating logistical hurdles and financial stresses in a very hard market already in place.

-We disagree with the proposed Potency restrictions, this is creating difficult pathways to actually providing healing potencies to the customer. Also making them spend 4-5 times the amount of money to get to the same amount of THC to help their ailments. This would create more hurdles for helping financially struggling sick patients to access healthy alternatives to dangerous and addictive pharmaceuticals.

-We fully disagree with the state's stance on increasing taxes without providing more foundational processes for the business in the cannabis program. The market is already under massive financial stresses, struggling to just keep up with current tax processes. If another increase happens it will create more reasons for the black market to grow untaxed.