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Stephanie,

I'm a supervisor in the Licensing and Regulation Division Marijuana Unit, for the Liquor Control Board. I'm writing you to request access to Level 22 in the Washington State Justice Information System (JIS).

We currently have a contract for access to JIS, Invoice # JS02164807 (Fed ID# 91-6013419) but it is not at the level needed to conduct criminal history background checks as charged to do so by law passed in Initiative 502 in November of 2012, regarding Washington state applicants applying for a Recreational Marijuana License. We are not a certified Criminal Justice Agency, but we are charged by legislation to conduct criminal history background checks on all applicants, true party members, financiers, gifters and their spouses for public safety concerns when they are affiliated with an application for a Marijuana License.

We need to have the highest level of access to all Washington State criminal history in order to ensure to the best of our ability that this is being done and assessing the character of those involved in the application process. We have been questioned by legislators in many meetings, hearings and updates if we are licensing those who are appropriate and responsible. To do so, we need the highest level of access. We will not disseminate the information available nor disclose it to any party that does not have authorization to have such access.

Your consideration in granting this exception request would be greatly appreciated.