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**Sent via Electronic Delivery**

May 25, 2023

Pioneer Growers of Florida, Inc.  
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Re: Application for MMTC Licensure – Errors and Omissions Letter

Dear Pioneer Growers of Florida, Inc.

On April 26, 2023, the Florida Department of Health received your application for MMTC licensure (the "Application"). The Department has identified the following apparent errors or omissions in your Application.

**1. Subsection 4.13.3, Capitalization Tables, Change of Control, and Related Entities**

Section 381.986(8)(e)2., Florida Statutes, prohibits an MMTC, and any individual or entity who directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds the power to vote 5 percent or more of the voting shares of an MMTC, from acquiring direct or indirect control of any voting shares or other form of ownership of any other MMTC.

For purposes of ownership attribution, please provide the nature of the familial relationship, if any, among and between the individuals listed in Subsection 4.13.3 of the Application, **119.0715**

Additionally, if any natural person meets the definition of "owner" or "manager," even if by familial attribution of ownership (as provide by Department rule), such natural persons must submit a completed Form 2 to the Department and a full set of fingerprints to a Livescan Service Provider for purposes of level 2 background screening. Those natural persons must also be added to an updated list of owners and managers in Subsection 4.3.3 of your Application and submitted to the Department.

**2. Section 4.15 Citrus Preference Documentation**

Section 4.15 of the Medical Marijuana Treatment Center License Application Instructions, Requirements, and Forms (the "Application Instructions") requires applicants seeking to qualify for the citrus preference, as described in section 381.986(8)(a)3., Florida Statutes, to provide certain documents and information. Additionally, the Application Instructions require applicants to advise the Department if they are not seeking to qualify for the citrus preference.

Your Application does not contain a Section 4.15 and does not otherwise state whether the applicant is seeking to qualify for the citrus preference.

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If you are seeking to qualify for the citrus preference, please provide the documentation and information requested in Section 4.15.

If you are not seeking to qualify for the citrus preference, please advise the Department accordingly.

**Deadline to Respond**

The Department must receive the above-requested documentation and information within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the date on which the Department emails this letter to you. See Section 5.1 of the Application Instructions for the submission address and requirements. Failure to supply the requested documentation and information identified above may result in denial of your Application.

If any materials submitted to the Department in response to this letter contain confidential information, you must comply with the requirements of Section 2.4 of the Application Instructions when submitting such information.

Sincerely,

*Christopher Kimball*

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Director  
Office of Medical Marijuana Use