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Hello,

The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (PSSG), Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch is seeking your feedback about increasing B.C.'s licence cap. As part of the engagement process, the LCRB is reaching out to all local and Indigenous governments, Indigenous partners, cannabis industry groups, and Cannabis and Producer Retail Store licensees.

Currently, the cannabis regulatory framework limits the number of private cannabis store licenses any one company, person, or group of persons can have an interest in to a maximum of eight. This is called a "licence cap." [Section 6](#) of the [Cannabis Licensing Regulation \(CLR\)](#) outlines the prescribed criteria referred to in section 26(2)(f) of the CCLA, including the eight store licence cap. There is no limit on the total number of cannabis retail store licenses issued in B.C.

The LCRB is not proposing any changes to local and Indigenous governments' oversight. Potential changes to the licence cap will not affect any existing or future controls within Indigenous or local government jurisdiction, including the ability to provide a positive recommendation for new and amended cannabis retail licences in their jurisdiction.

To inform the review, we are interested in hearing more about:

1. Does your government have any comments or feedback about the provincial licence cap policy?
2. In your government's opinion, should the licence cap be changed? Why or why not? If yes, what should the cap be changed to?

You can find more information on BC's cannabis framework here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/public-safety/cannabis>

To submit your comments or if you have questions, please contact the LCRB Communications team at [LCRB.Outreach@gov.bc.ca](mailto:LCRB.Outreach@gov.bc.ca) with the subject "Licence Cap Review" by **September 15, 2023**.

Sincerely,

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