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**JARS Cannabis and Mitten Extracts to Gather at Senate Building to  
Protest Any New Tax on Cannabis**

**LANSING, Mich** – Last week, members of the Michigan House of Representatives passed House Bill 4951 as part of the state budget, which would enact a 24% wholesale tax on cannabis in the state. This tax increase will detrimentally affect 47,000 cannabis jobs, jeopardizing the well-being of thousands of hard working Michigan residents that are employed in the industry.

“Call and email your senators today to keep the pressure on,” said Robin Schneider, executive director of the Michigan Cannabis Industry Association, as the Senate prepares to finalize the state budget on Thursday.

State-licensed cannabis companies JARS Cannabis and Mitten Extract will gather in front of the Senate office building Thursday, October 2, at 11:00 AM to encourage senators to reject ANY tax on cannabis before session begins at 12:00.

The 24% wholesale tax – in addition to the existing 10% excise tax and 6% sales tax – would give Michigan the second highest cannabis tax in the country, putting the state’s industry at a national disadvantage for sales. Michigan will lose at least 30% of its sales along state borders due to having a higher cannabis tax rate than neighboring states. The state will lose revenue as consumers return to the illicit market to avoid paying high tax rates, also posing a public health risk as the illicit market is not regulated. Thousands of working Michigan residents are at risk of being laid off as businesses cut costs to stay afloat.

With over 47,000 Jobs on the Line, the fight against this tax increase isn’t over yet – join us in Lansing Thursday, October 2.

*The Michigan Cannabis Industry Association (MiCIA) is the state’s leading cannabis trade association. MiCIA advocates for safe, sensible cannabis policy for a thriving, well-regulated industry.*