I'm Jeff Brinkman, a Cannabis Activist and Hemp Farmer. I'm here to remind you of the promises made regarding cannabis legalization.

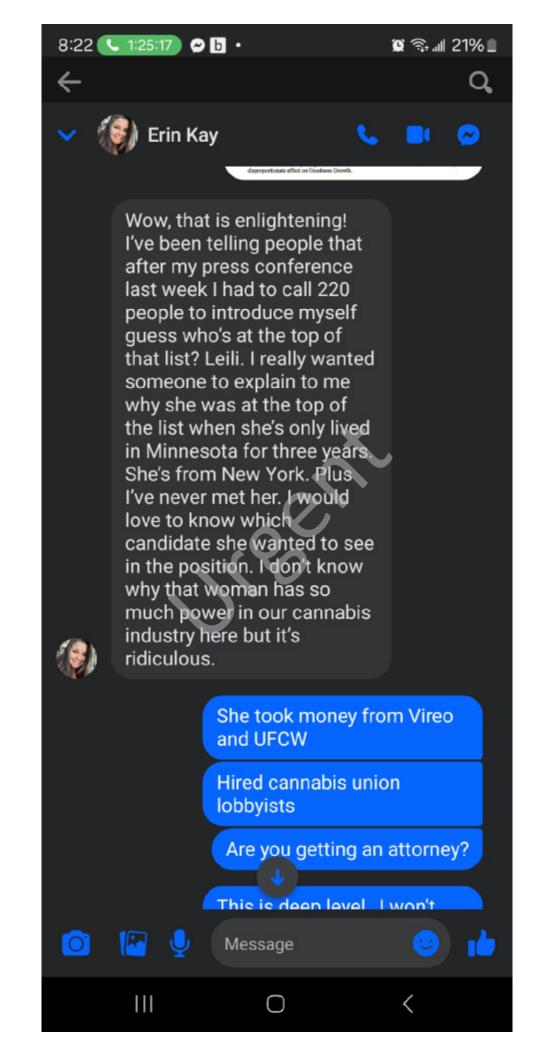
Last year, Legislative Authors sold the people on a Minnesota-centric small business, craft, and equity-focused bill, touted as a "model for the nation." Currently, the bills, including this one, notably deviate from that promise. You can't imagine the backlash we faced last year for questioning the legislation and its corporate inclinations. We've learned a lot since then.

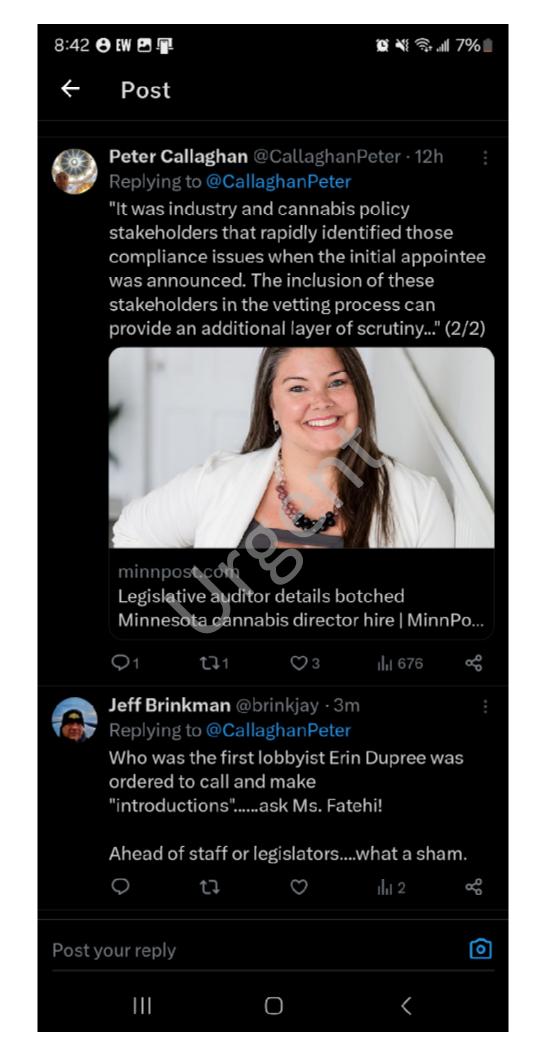
We discovered that the first Office of Cannabis Management director was required to make her introductory phone calls to lobbying strategists and select business owners. I know this because I reached out to Ms. Dupree, who confirmed that her first call on a list of 220 people was indeed a lobbying strategist. Following that call, the strategist initiated a campaign to have Ms. Dupree removed, and she resigned within 24 hours. There are serious questions about why our governor-appointed director was required to make her first contact with a lobbying strategist. Ms. Dupree will soon cover this topic in an upcoming documentary produced by Kowala Media, and I have that list.

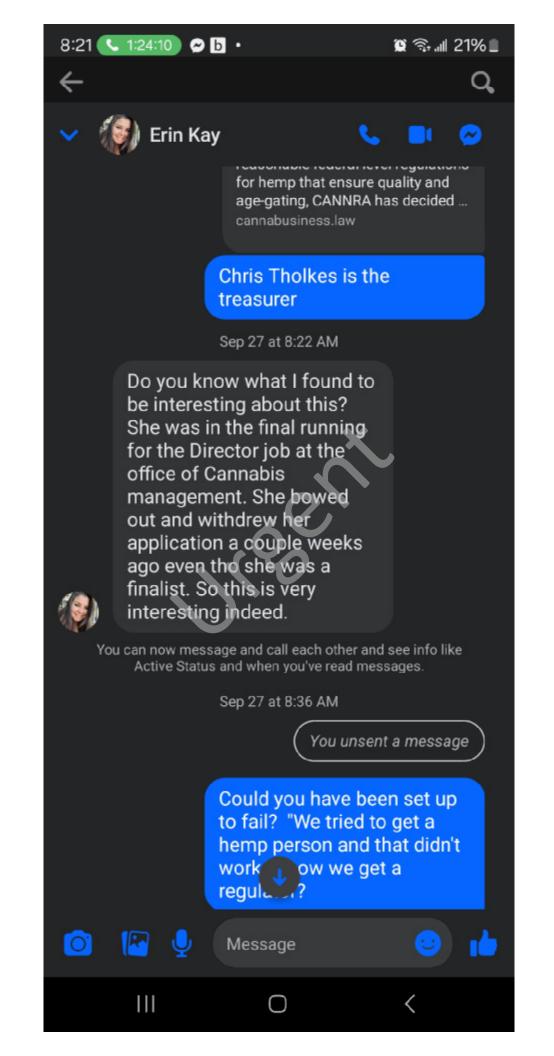
We also learned that medical and other corporate players are planning massive expansions in anticipation of a race to the bottom in their cost per gram. They mention canopies exceeding 250,000 square feet at a single location in news articles. How does that affect equity stakeholders, small businesses, and farms? How can these companies spend millions, some with state money, on the construction of huge facilities without knowing whether they will obtain a license? It seems they have already solidified their positions with lobbyists and legislators.

Once again, equity stakeholders, small businesses, and farms are being sidelined, while big businesses and corporate interests expect to thrive due to their close relationships with legislators and lobbyists, and are forging ahead with their expansions.

This is the unfortunate reality in Minnesota, but I'm hopeful for change. Please remember that your constituents are people, not corporations. Thank you







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Boards & Commissions
Director of the Office of Cannabis Management
Announcement
September 2023

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

- Review and Approve Bio Erin Dupree
- Draft Quote Erin Dupree
- Validators for Quote Erin Dupree
- Develop press plan GO/MDA
- Develop talking points GO/MDA

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

- Press Release GO
- Draft Internal OCM Communication MDA Comms/GO
- Draft Enterprise Communication MDA Comms/GO N
- Draft Announcement Tick Tock Filled Out MDA/GO
- Calls to unsuccessful candidates—Charlene
 - 9:45 AM on Thursday, September 21
- Add press availability to the Thursday tick tock
- Late afternoon Erik and Charlene call Chris Tholkes to begin to sort out her approach to announcement

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Calls to Rep. Stephenson and Sen. Port offering meeting	Erik			4:30 pm
Rep. Stephenson and Sen. Port	Erik, Charlene and new director	Teams meeting to meet new director		7:30 pm

Thursday, September 21 - Tick Tock

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