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## **Michigan Chamber files Amicus Brief in support of *Viridis Laboratories v. Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency***

LANSING — The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today filed an amicus brief decrying the state’s extreme and unconstitutional government overreach by the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) in its recent recall action against Viridis Laboratories, LLC. It also released the following statement from Rich Studley, president and CEO:

“As the cannabis industry grows and matures in our state, regulators should focus on ensuring Michigan is a national leader when it comes to cannabis safety, testing and innovation, not taking actions that shockingly overstep their authority. The Michigan Chamber is deeply concerned about the impact of what appears to be an extreme and unconstitutional government overreach by the MRA. The MRA’s failure to abide by clear legal tenets not only jeopardizes the plaintiffs’ business and its employees’ livelihoods, but also sets a dangerous precedent for the entire business community.”

The Michigan Chamber’s brief through law firm Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone and its Principal and Managing Director Scott Eldridge made three key arguments in its filing:

- The MRA clearly acted outside of its authority.
- The MRA’s recall bulletin did not follow the well-established notice and comment rulemaking process.
- The MRA’s effective license suspension undoubtedly violated Veridis’ due process.

An excerpt from the brief includes:

*Michigan’s administrative law jurisprudence rejects government overreach. The MRA, as a state agency, is constrained by the contours of its enabling statutes and the boundaries of the federal and State Constitutions. Rather than following those mandates, the MRA instead chose to act outside the scope of its statutory authority to issue its own unilateral decrees, first by announcing a standardless and excessive recall, and then by effectively prohibiting Plaintiffs from operating without any opportunity for a hearing. The MRA’s actions here lack a reasoned basis and run contrary to law.*

The Chamber’s full brief is included [here](#).

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