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1. License costs are very high:
 - a. Proposed Cultivation license \$4,000/100 sf is very high. Would recommend a lower fee at \$1000/100 sf
 - b. \$80,000 Renewal (two year) for Dispensary license. Annual license fee renewal in Missouri is \$10,000.
 - c. Processor license is \$180,000 for 2 years. \$10,000 annually in Missouri.
 - d. High license costs at every level will pass on costs to consumers, and will lead to patients remaining in the black market.
 - e. High dispensary license costs will drive dispensary's out of lower populated areas where margins are slim, reducing patient access.
2. Patient Access-
 - a. Fees- Need the same fee for all patients to sign up. Increased fees for some classes of patients (\$25 v \$50) will keep those patients in the black market.
 - b. Consultation- Regulations need to state that consultations can be done via video conferencing. Simplifying the process helps to sign patients up and divert them from the black market to the legal market.
 - c. Some hospital systems prevent physicians from being able to recommend medical marijuana. Any physician should be able to recommend any legal prescription.
 - d. Home delivery increases patient access. Many patients have transportation or mobility issues, and regulations to allow for the lawful and compliant delivery to the residence of the patient can increase accessibility.
3. Seed-to-Sale-
 - a. Would advise you to strongly consider METRC. They are the industry standard.
4. University Research Programs-
 - a. Pennsylvania has a good Clinical Research (Chapter 20) program with 8 universities studying the effects of Cannabis.