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My name is Nicole Buffong Director of Medical Voices for The Chamber of Cannabis, I am also Western Regional Director for Minorities for Medical Marijuana, a national nonprofit focused on patient advocacy and social equity policy.

The fees that were suggested in the CCB report for Social Use Licenses will be a barrier of entry for most business owners. Keeping the cost at the same rate of a beer and wine license, which is \$3,500, would allow for a more diverse group of applicants to become stakeholders. Nevada has a real opportunity to change the trajectory of diverse ownership in the state over the next few years. Minorities for Medical Marijuana recently consulted on social equity language in the new cannabis policy for New Jersey, who have decided to issue out micro business licenses. For example, their business model operates in a manner similar to a bar or restaurant compared to a liquor store. Creating a micro dispensing license available only to social equity applicants would allow them to sell micro doses of cannabis products in a social setting, just like purchasing a cocktail at a bar or restaurant. Having a licensing structure specifically for social equity applicants will successfully diversify owners and operators in the state.