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Dear Chairman Barley and Members of the Board:

This hearing began on November 5, 2018. The hearing was going to recommence on October 9, 2019. PADC and Board Staff have already submitted testimony and exhibits for the hearing.

On September 3 PADC and PAMD said they had "reached a compromise in principle" which they would serve by September 13. They received a continuance to September 20. They received a continuance to October 8. Now they propose a continuance to October 22.

In this request, they say they "estimate" that they should be able to complete the process in the next two weeks.

Board Staff does not oppose a continuance but we suggest an alternative. Rather than grant this continuance and possibly have to grant more continuances, and rather than receive a proposal that is not thoroughly developed, the Board could postpone the hearing indefinitely, without a deadline for submission. This would allow PADC and PAMD to submit when they are ready, as PADC was allowed to submit for Part 2 of the hearing when it was ready.

Sincerely,

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By email