



Board Candidate Statement

Gary Gatewood
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To the members of the Cannabis Industry Alliance of Oregon,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in joining the CIAO board. As president and cofounder of The Dank Brothers, a tier 2 Oregon cannabis producer, I have dedicated seven years to navigating this industry's complexities. I have led our multi-million dollar business through prosperous and challenging times, overseeing a team of over 60 employees at various times throughout our years in business. My hands-on experience managing a large-scale cultivation operation has provided me with a deep understanding of the regulatory and market pressures facing Oregon's cannabis businesses.

My experience extends beyond the boardroom. I have actively engaged with various cannabis organizations, championing the industry's growth and stability. I understand the critical importance of strategic partnerships and a unified voice to advocate for our collective interests, a mission CIAO champions. My leadership at The Dank Brothers is defined by a commitment to our employees, investors, and the broader cannabis community, where I have developed strategic partnerships to ensure we conduct the best business possible.

My proven business acumen, deep understanding of the Oregon cannabis landscape, and unwavering dedication to our industry's future align perfectly with CIAO's mission. I am inspired by CIAO's work in advocating for sensible regulations and a fair market. I am eager to contribute my expertise to the board and work collaboratively to build a thriving, respected legal cannabis industry for all. Thank you for your consideration.