Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission  
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Dear Hiring Committee,

I am seeking employment at The Cannabis Control Commission because I am looking to advance my career in data analysis and lend my skills and talents to one of the most progressive states in New England. I would like to hone my skills in research, data analysis, programming, and statistical writing while exploring new, exciting policy areas so that I can actually make a difference with my work. Working at the CCC would give me all of these opportunities and enable me to continue my career in policy research.

I am applying for the Research Analyst position in Boston because I feel that my background and skillsets would make me an asset to the team. At the School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, I worked with many principal investigators on a myriad of grand funded projects covering almost all aspects of public policy. I was hired initially as an undergrad, for a summer job, and my quantitative and technical talents were quickly recognized and I found myself being pulled onto more and more projects to provide any and all data manipulation and analysis.

I have been working in public policy research since 2012 when I took a data entry job at the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy entering survey data. Through my work, I noticed patterns in the data and brought them to the attention of my supervisors who asked me to develop my theories further. Before I knew it, I was a co-author on that report and an integral part of the Dukakis Center research staff, working on many policy reports from housing to transportation to economic development.

The Cannabis Control Commission seeks to develop balanced, stable policy for an industry that is only a few years old. It is my hope to not just learn the methods and obstacles that other progressive states have experienced in their effort to regulate recreational marijuana, but also help create a policy structure that can be used in other states. I fell that the work involved to enact the will of the voters and craft the necessary policy is not just a political issue, but a social challenge that I would like to be at the forefront of.

I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

James Huessy