Date

The Honorable Steven Bradford, Chair

Senate Committee on Public Safety

State Capitol, Room 2031

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 519 (Wiener) Controlled substances: decriminalization of certain hallucinogenic substances.**

 **(SUPPORT)**

Dear Chairman Bradford,

(Organization Name) is writing this letter in “support” of **SB 519 (Wiener)**, which will decriminalize the possession, propagation, and personal use of “entheogens” (i.e., naturally occurring psychedelic plants and fungi), such as mushrooms containing psilocybin and psilocyn, cacti containing mescaline, plant mixtures similar to ayahuasca containing DMT, and plants containing ibogaine. SB 519 will also expunge any criminal records for people convicted of possession and personal use of these substances, and will require the State Department of Public Health to convene a working group to research and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding, among other things, the regulation and therapeutic use of these substances in a manner that maximizes public health, safety, and healing.

Organization Info (Paragraph)

Reason for Supporting the Bill

It is for these reasons that we respectfully request your **“AYE”** vote on **SB 519**.

Sincerely,

Name, Organization

CC: Senators, Senate Committee on Public Safety

 The Honorable Scott Wiener

 Stephanie Jordan, Policy Consultant, Senate Committee on Public Safety

 Eric Csizmar, Republican Consultant, Senate Committee on Public Safety