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Chicago NORML is encouraged that the adult use cannabis dispensary licenses are finally moving through the processes laid out in the Cannabis Regulatory & Tax Act. Over the past several days we have been able to identify several opportunities to achieve higher levels of equity in the Illinois cannabis industry.

We advocate for a **reevaluation of the final scores** and suggest that the State immediately create a **2nd lottery round** to capture the next highest scorers and compensate for the obvious errors that were made. Further, we would like to see a **portion of KPMG’s fee be refunded** to the State and used to implement a **2nd impartial check** on their work in the craft grow, infusion and transportation scoring round which has already begun. This will undoubtedly create further but necessary delays.

**IN THE MEANTIME, CHICAGO NORML WILL CONTINUE TO...**

- Push lawmakers to amend the CRTA to include language from our [proposed social equity plan](#) (published November 2018);
- Create and expand our [training videos series](#) providing process and post licensure technical assistance;
- Conduct [responsible vendor](#) and dispensary agent training classes to provide high quality continuing education for employees and owners and prepare jobseekers for the booming employment market;
- Engage our members and supporters with entertaining and informative [events, programs and workshops](#), including our [Lobbying 101 Workshop](#) and annual 420 Cannabis Health and Wellness Fair;
- Promote transparency in keeping our members and supporters updated with FACTS, honest and informed opinions, and useful information relevant to our mission and the four pillars that have guided us since 2017:

  - **Advocacy**
  - **Social Justice**
  - **Industry & Culture**
  - **Patient Education**