

## **Potentially Fraudulent Mailer Warning**

The Office of Social Equity (OSE) and the Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) have been made aware of at least one likely fraudulent direct outreach campaign pertaining to the upcoming licensing round being sent throughout the State, predominantly targeting addresses in Maryland that have been identified as Disproportionately Impacted Areas. The mailer in question was sent as a postcard, featured below:



Note: The mailer in question was sent in both English and Spanish, with Spanish language printed on the inverse, as shown below.



The OSE and MCA are jointly advising anyone interested in cannabis licensure to *only* obtain information through official government sources, such as <u>ose.maryland.gov</u> for eligibility criteria and <u>cannabis.maryland.gov</u> for questions related to the application process. Further,



Marylanders are advised not to call any numbers, or visit any website associated with likely scams, as shown above.

OSE and MCA will be hosting joint technical assistance sessions throughout the months of October and November to provide official help and assistance to prospective applicants. Interested applicants are advised not to contact or respond to unknown third-parties or share any personal or financial information with unknown third-parties. OSE and MCA are dedicated to providing sufficient, comprehensive, and equitable assistance to those who may need it.

For additional information on **official technical assistance events for the upcoming licensing round**, sponsored by the Office of Social Equity, please contact: <a href="mailto:info.ose@maryland.gov">info.ose@maryland.gov</a>.