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Subject: Re: IMLCC - REQUEST FOR COMMENTS - RULEMAKING

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Marschall,

I object to the amendment to IMLC Bylaw, Article VI—Meetings of the Commission, Section 4 Procedure, and would recommend that the committee and the full commission reject this amendment. The purpose of a second is to determine whether a motion should be considered before the full group. Currently, the IMLC only meets twice a year. By adding this additional requirement, the Commission would be deciding to limit a state's ability to have the full commission consider a matter important to that state. Because there are so few opportunities to raise issues, I believe the amendment is objectionable in making it harder to have discussions by removing one of the limited opportunities to raise an issue of importance to the Board or State.

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