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VIA EMAIL ONLY

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The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle c/o Brenda Andreatta, Director of Council Services/Clerk 5050 Malden Road LaSalle, Ontario N9H 1S4 Email: bandreatta@lasalle.ca

Mayor Antaya and Members of Council:

Re: Cannabis – Production Facilities for Medical Purposes and Legalization

On behalf of the Greater Essex County District School Board (GECDSB) we are aware of the following:

- The Government of Canada recently passed Regulation SOR/2016-230, known as Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.
- The Government of Canada is still considering Bill C-45, an Act Respecting Cannabis and amending the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts; and
- The Government of Ontario has passed Bill 174, being an Act to Enact the Cannabis Act, 2017, the Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017 and the Smoke-free Ontario Act, 2017, to repeal two acts and to make amendments to the Highway Traffic Act respecting Alcohol, Drugs and Other Matters.

We also appreciate that municipalities have authority over land use regulation and have the power to prohibit and regulate certain uses through their prospective zoning by-law(s), pursuant to the *Planning Act*. We are writing to urge your municipality to consider creating the following:

- 1. Land use controls related to cannabis production facilities for medical purposes, in order to limit the proximity to school facilities;
- 2. Land use controls related to cannabis retail stores, in order to limit the proximity to school facilities; and
- 3. A process to inform school boards of any potential sites.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns on the above.

Yours truly,

Kim McKinley Chairperson

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