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Subject: Cannabis Retail Storefronts in the City of Vaughan - Oct 31 CW (1) meeting
Date:

Good Morning John,

Thank you for taking the time and I hope you had a nice weekend. See my comments regarding the allowance of legally licensed cannabis retail stores in the city of Vaughan are listed below:

1) There remains significant cannabis 'retail deserts' across the country, both in large and small municipalities including the city of Vaughan reducing access to safe lab tested products for all Canadians. By not allowing legally licensed stores you are in fact driving sales and business for illicit illegal retailers which certainly still operate within Vaughan already today.

2) The Illicit market is abandoned tax revenue for Vaughan! This revenue should be flowing to licensed producers and retailers that follow the rules and adhere to strict guidelines that keep communities safe. This will bring in extra tax revenue for the city while creating jobs and filling empty commercial spaces to drive the economy. The Canada Revenue Agency is not able to collect any tax revenue or regulatory fees from 30-50% of the market which includes the city of Vaughan.

3) Illicit market product consumption is an ongoing health and safety concern for everyone including the residents of Vaughan. Protecting the health of Canadians including children was an objective of the Cannabis Act. Illegal market stores sell untested unregulated products that do not conform to health canada standards and are not properly labeled with accurate THC levels making them especially dangerous for youth.

4) With its lower cost, tax and regulatory burden, the Illicit market is gifted with a structural competitive advantage. The Illicit market has spurred Licensed cannabis Producers to deliver high quality cannabis at lower prices. However, the gap between legal and illegal operators has shrunk considerably. Lower Illicit market pricing today drives badly needed profits out of the sector putting jobs and companies at risk like my small family owned business.

In conclusion we feel all levels of government need to immediately address the Illicit Market problem, out of self-interest and as originally promised to all Canadians in the Cannabis Act in 2018. Please consider allowing legally licensed cannabis stores in your great city to help us beat the illicit market while allowing your constituents to access safe tested and regulated products.

Thank you

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