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Dear Mayor,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to express my concerns and opposition about the re-visit of the issue of retail cannabis in our community. While I understand the potential economic benefits, I believe it is crucial to consider the potential negative impacts on our neighborhood.

One of the unique strengths of Newmarket is its appeal to individuals seeking a healthy environment and a community with a positive culture. Many people are choosing to move to Newmarket recently precisely for these reasons. By maintaining our town's reputation for a healthy and positive atmosphere, we have a competitive advantage over neighboring towns that have opted-in for retail cannabis.

In addition to the potential health risks associated with cannabis use among the youth, there is a growing concern that it could adversely affect their overall development. The use of cannabis by adolescents has been linked to impairments in cognitive functions, memory, and attention, which are crucial elements in the learning and development process. Moreover, the presence of cannabis in the environment where young individuals are growing and developing poses a risk to the creation of a nurturing and healthy atmosphere. The influence of substance use can disrupt the stability and positive influences necessary for optimal growth. It not only hampers the physical and mental well-being of the youth but also undermines the establishment of a supportive community that fosters their overall development.

I believe it is essential for our town to take a cautious and informed stance on this matter. As a resident of Newmarket for over 20 years, I kindly request that the council take into account the sentiments of the residents who may be affected by this decision. I believe there are alternative approaches that can address economic concerns without opting-in the drug.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

regards

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