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Dear Mayor Taylor,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal for retail cannabis in the Town of Newmarket, championed by the advocates supporting the initiative.

As a resident of Newmarket for over 20 years, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences of introducing retail cannabis to our community. We cherish the clean and wholesome image of our town and are apprehensive about the possibility of it transforming into a hub for cannabis use. The nearby town of Aurora serves as a cautionary example, having opted into the retail cannabis option and now experiencing a proliferation of cannabis establishments near shopping plazas and residential areas

Both Aurora and Bradford have already opted in, and I believe there is no compelling reason for Newmarket to follow suit. Additionally, it is disconcerting to note that, Rianna Ford, seems to be an attempt to blur the lines between the medical and recreational purposes of cannabis. I firmly believe that retail cannabis does not contribute to the wellness of our community.

I wholeheartedly support your stance on this matter and urge you not to reconsider the decision to opt in or out. Let Newmarket continue to be a place where residents can lead healthy lives and cultivate a positive culture, free from the influence of a drug-laden environment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. David Lam & Sandy Siu