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Mr. Marvin Junkin and Members of Council
The Corporation of the Town of Pelham
20 Pelham Town Square
Fonthill, ON L0S 1E0

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

Subject: CCC Recommendation to Approve the Final OPA and ZBA prepared by Meridian Planning Consultants (MPC) for Regulating Cannabis in the Town of Pelham

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I urge you to consider and approve the Official Plan Amendment (OPA) and Zoning Bylaw Amendment (ZBA) that are before you, and which are strongly recommended by the Cannabis Control Committee (CCC).

I am grateful for:

1. More than a year of extensive effort by CCC members to conduct research, develop various planning approaches, consult with stakeholders including the cannabis industry, and receive expert advice which have informed the OPA/ZBA that are before you;
2. the support, hard work and encouragement by Town staff, the Mayor, and Councillors, including the financial support to retain MPC and Aird & Berlis to assist us;
3. the expert planning work carried out by MPC's Nick McDonald to produce the OPA/ZBA;
4. the detailed review by and collaboration with Niagara Region planners who are ready to exempt from Regional approval the OPA/ZBA that are before you;
5. the encouragement and legal support we have received from Aird & Berlis including their legal review of and support for the OPA/ZBA before you;
6. the more than 1,000 residents of Pelham who have encouraged and trusted us; and
7. the late Mike Ciolfi, our colleague and friend, whose concern for residents, integrity and passion motivated us all to step up, commit, and get the job done notwithstanding the challenges we might face, because it is the right thing to do for our Town.

We believe the OPA/ZBA before you are a triple win for the residents, our Town, and the cannabis industry as they provide clarity, fairness and good planning to mitigate the types of adverse effects that have been regularly experienced since the arrival of cannabis in our Town.

Respectfully,



Tim J. Nohara, Chair
Cannabis Control Committee
Town of Pelham

Cc: CCC Voting Members Carla Baxter, Louis Damm, Bill Heska, Jim Jeffs, John Langendoen, Jim Steele