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Dear whom it may concern,

I'm writing to provide my comments on the proposed new cannabis dispensary at 129 York Street.

While I am not against the location per say, I am not favourable of the private enterprise model. I was supportive of the LCBO-like model because it gives us greater control over location, limits negative impacts and gives us a singular point of contact when problems do arise. My main concern is the potential for clustering of cannabis dispensaries. There are a lot of unknowns as to how this private system with no city oversight will pan out.

It would be highly preferable if the applicant (cannabis dispensary owner) were required to consult with the surrounding community and business owners as part of the notification period. This would legally bind the applicant to community commitments as part of their permit review process. The applicant should also be required to share the contact information of their Manager of Operations with the community.

There are various community impacts stemming from cannabis dispensaries that need to be kept top of mind. Community safety should be our greatest concern, including protection of minors, protection of clients and black market sales. I believe the new dispensaries should be restricted in their opening hours, and the AGCO should focus on spreading out the cannabis establishments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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