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Subject: Cannabis Dispensary

Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing and submitting this public comment as a resident and taxpayer in the Town of Killingly. Because of conflicting obligations I am unable to attend tonight 's public hearing. I am concerned that the State of Connecticut has already changed its regulations on the number of marijuana dispensaries a municipality may have. Under previous legislation, Killingly was allowed one grow facility and dispensary. Now, even before the first proposed dispensary in the old Key Bank building is opened, an application for a second cannabis dispensary and manufacturing facility is being considered next the the Big Y on Route 12.

Several municipalities have chosen not to allow cannabis grow facilities and dispensaries. However, this option was never brought forward to the Town. The dispensaries are viewed as a revenue stream for both the State and municipalities. However, the negative impacts have not been discussed or considered. Although I am against both cannabis grow facilities and dispensaries, I believe the residents of Killingly should make this decision. A public hearing alone is not sufficient to get the public's general consensus. There is a lack of knowledge as to what is occurring at all levels of government and too much for one person to keep track of. How is the information in regards to a public hearing being disseminated? I believe a question should be added to a general election ballot or a referendum vote should be held in order to get more of the Town's residents involved in the decision making process.

Thank you,

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