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To: Failor, Craig
Subject: Proposed zoning

Good evening, Mr. Failor,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed zoning for retail recreational marijuana establishments in Oak Park. As a resident of the community I am very concerned about this addition to our commercial/business districts. We already have permissive adult attitudes toward underage drinking by adults, we have also learned from other states that have legalized it. Despite it being legal for adults 21 and over it still has the ability to get in the hands of kids. 20% of Oak Park and River Forest 8th-12th graders have used marijuana in the past 30 days, and the perception of harm is low. We know it's an addictive substance and adding these types of shops only normalizes marijuana use.

Has the community had an opportunity to be a part of this discussion?

Sincerely,

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