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Season's Greetings!

I'm writing to appeal the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) of the location listed in the subject line.

I'm writing this letter as a concerned parent and homeowner in Rapid City, as well as a future medical cannabis card holder.

As a father of two little girls, I'm concerned about the conditional use zones being too close to public areas, including residential neighborhoods, walking paths, baseball and soccer fields, schools, parks, and churches. There are plenty of options to operate a successful medical cannabis business in the areas initially approved, that do not require permits for conditional use to fill the licenses. I must question the point of establishing approved zones, if they can simply be worked around with a permit for conditional use.

As a patient, I'm concerned with the high number of applications (specifically CUPs), that have been applied for by just a few large companies, essentially trying to monopolize the market. All this will do from my perspective is limit the options I have to obtain medicine, and make for an unhealthy marketplace. IM26 was written to provide social equity to business owners, not to serve and cater to large corporations with deep pockets. Ultimately, competition creates a safe and healthy marketplace for card holders, and provides us with a variety of treatments for our diagnosis.

Rejecting the Conditional Use Permits helps keep our community family friendly, provides consistency to the licensing process, and protects all business owners equally.

Sincerely,

Wesley Koehne



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