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Open Letter of Support: Cannabis Consumption Spaces

The Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce supports the establishment of cannabis consumption spaces in our cities. We believe that allowing for these spaces would not only provide new business opportunities for our community, but also help to promote responsible and safe cannabis use.

The legalization of cannabis has brought changes to our communities, and with that, the need for safe and regulated places for its consumption. By creating these consumption spaces, we can ensure that people who choose to use cannabis can do so in a controlled and safe environment. This, in turn, will help to reduce the risk of harm to the public and the negative effects of secondhand smoke.

The establishment of cannabis consumption spaces would provide new opportunities for businesses in our community. These spaces could include cafes, lounges, and other establishments where individuals can consume cannabis while in a social environment. This will not only create new jobs but also attract more visitors to our city, ultimately boosting the local economy.

We understand that there may be concerns about the impact of cannabis consumption spaces on our community. However, with appropriate regulations and guidelines, we are confident these concerns can be addressed to ensure that these spaces operate in a responsible and safe manner.

We urge the City Councils of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, and Port Moody to consider the benefits of cannabis consumption spaces and to support their establishment in our region. We believe that this is a crucial step forward in ensuring the safe and responsible use of cannabis, and as well, promotes economic growth in our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Leslie Courchesne
Chief Executive Officer