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His Worship John Tory
Office of the Mayor
City Hall, 2nd Floor
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON, M5H 2N2

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Re: Chronic Pain Toronto

I am writing on behalf of Chronic Pain Toronto to inquire about **any policies and procedures that may be in place to address the circumstances of individuals who require medically prescribed marijuana for their treatment.**

Chronic Pain Toronto is a non-profit advocacy group that promotes early diagnosis and comprehensive treatment plans, while working with health professionals to bridge the gap between patient and physician. I understand that Chronic Pain Toronto does not recommend any one treatment, but rather supports the education and awareness of different options so that chronic pain patients and medical practitioners can make informed decisions.

Specifically, Chronic Pain Toronto is dedicated to both satisfying the concerns of police forces and providing safe environments for the users of medical marijuana to access their required medication. It is essential to them that they not suffer from either unwarranted interference or inadvertently breach any rules or policies implemented by law enforcement.

For example, I am advised that a representative of the above-noted organization was questioned last year by a police officer at Pearson International Airport as a result of a misunderstanding on the parameters and application of existing rules and procedures. This resulted in an unnecessary, disruptive and embarrassing detention, for a period of time. This is but one instance among many, wherein medical users of marijuana encounter unfortunate intrusions into their liberty, privacy and dignity when dealing with police officers. These instances are usually caused by a

general misunderstanding or unclear interpretation of the rules or laws governing the circumstances.

Chronic Pain Toronto is enthusiastic about any opportunity to discuss or liaise with law enforcement representatives in order to facilitate clarity and understanding between all parties.

We look forward to hearing from you so that these important issues can be addressed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



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