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Long Beach City Council
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RE: "OPT-OUT" – Marijuana Taxation and Regulation Act

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

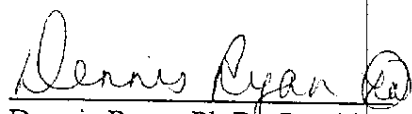
As the Board of Education for the Long Beach City School District, we respectfully request that the City of Long Beach enact the "Opt-Out" portion of the Marijuana Taxation and Regulation Act. This portion states that cities, towns and villages may "opt-out" of allowing adult use cannabis retail dispensaries or on-site consumption licenses within the borders of the City of Long Beach.


We strongly request community involvement and consideration of a public referendum. If further consideration by the City of Long Beach is made to "opt-in" to the legislation, then that should not occur without additional community involvement and consideration of a public referendum.


We have a responsibility to safeguard the optimum health and mental welfare of our students. Enacting the municipal "opt-out" will assist us in fulfilling our educational mission.

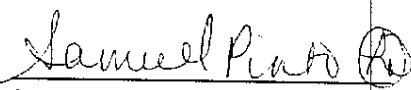
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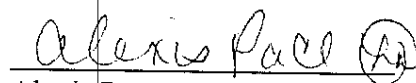
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