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130 & 134 Worcester St. - Discern'd Cannabis Purveyors, Inc. - Marijuana Dispensary

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Public Comment Disclaimer: I have read and understand the Public Comment Disclaimer.

Comments:

I am writing to have you consider voting NO to grant the special permit for the marijuana dispensary at 130 and 134 Worcester Street.

This location at the junction of 130 and 134 is in the center of town at the junction of two major roads (Rt 122 and 140) which are frequently used in Grafton. Traffic issues could result in significant delays to daily commutes. Without a thorough traffic study and understanding of volume of traffic in this area resulting from the presence of a dispensary, long term traffic problems may result.

In addition, there is a significantly increased risk of marijuana related motor vehicle accidents in areas where marijuana dispensaries have opened. Here is an article which summarizes some concerns: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/publications/crimina...

Having such dispensaries in a centralized location, with plans for operating hours which will be later than dispensaries in all surrounding towns, may create greater likelihood of traffic related injuries or fatalities particularly in evenings and on weekends.

Lastly, previous facilities were already approved for HCA's and are planning to open in non-centralized locations without high visibility. Visibility and density of facilities in a centralized location, such as the 130-134 Worcester Street location, may increase intention for misuse and diversion within the community as noted in recent studies.

Due to these reasons AND potential liability concerns which could result from approval of a third special permit, I ask for you to Vote No for this special permit at this time.