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Dear Mayor Armitage and City Council Members,

I have lived in the Charlotte community for 12 years, and am proud to call Charlotte my home. I am writing to urge you to not allow dispensaries to operate in our community, as discussed in the recent article from the Lansing State Journal. While I understand the reasoning some have expressed, I believe that allowing dispensaries in our community would have negative consequences that outweigh any potential benefits.

First and foremost, marijuana is still illegal under federal law. Allowing dispensaries in our community would send the wrong message to our citizens, particularly young people. Allowing dispensaries in our community would have a negative impact on our downtown, particularly on the Crosswalk Teen Center, which is a cornerstone of our community. The presence of these businesses would undermine the important work that the Crosswalk Teen Center does to support our youth and send the message that drug use is acceptable in our community. This could be detrimental to the health and well-being of our young people and could have negative long-term consequences for our community.

Furthermore, allowing dispensaries in our community could lead to increased crime, particularly theft and burglary. These businesses would likely keep large amounts of cash and drugs on hand, making them prime targets for criminals. This could pose a serious risk to the safety of our community members and law enforcement personnel.

Finally, allowing dispensaries in our community could have a negative impact on property values and quality of life. Many people do not want to live in a community with marijuana dispensaries, and this could make our community less desirable to potential residents and businesses. Someone who wants to buy marijuana, you can find it in Lansing, or elsewhere. We don't need it here in our community.

Although I am an Eaton Township resident, I care deeply about the vibrancy and well-being of downtown Charlotte, and I firmly believe that allowing dispensaries to operate in our

community would only diminish its vibrancy and potential for growth. Therefore, I urge you to consider the long-term impact that this decision could have on our community and make the responsible choice to vote against allowing dispensaries in our community.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Bliss

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