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Dr. Howard Zucker, MD
Commissioner
New York State Department of Health
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Dear Dr. Zucker,

I am writing to you today regarding the recent proposed medical marijuana dispensary at 1575 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset. While I support the use of medical marijuana for those who are suffering from serious medical conditions, it is concerning that the Town of North Hempstead is the only municipality in Nassau County with any active or proposed dispensaries. The purpose of my letter is to start a dialogue to better understand how the locations for facilities are chosen and regulated by the state. I would greatly appreciate it if you could explain the rationale behind the decision to bring these facilities to the Town of North Hempstead.

The newest proposed location in Manhasset would be the third medical marijuana dispensary in our Town. There have been no other locations proposed in the two other towns and two cities within Nassau County. Not only does the clustering of facilities within North Hempstead impact our residents, it requires other Nassau County residents to travel far distances to the northwest corner of the County. North Hempstead is home to 17% of Nassau County's approximately 1.3 million residents and, as of today 100% of the County's current and proposed medical marijuana dispensaries.

I strongly encourage the State Department of Health to consider locating any additional Nassau County medical marijuana dispensaries outside of the Town of North Hempstead. I believe that expanding access to medical marijuana throughout the County will best serve the residents of North Hempstead and Nassau County.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Judi Bosworth
Town Supervisor

cc: Governor Andrew Cuomo
New York State Senator Elaine Phillips
New York State Assembly Member Anthony D'Urso
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