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To Whom it may Concern:

We are writing this letter due to our concern regarding the proposed greenhouse operation, that is to be built on Jerseyville Road. Our concern is that this facility will be built on prime agricultural land and also bring into play the issues of traffic, water, lighting and odour.

We have noted a marked increase in traffic on Jerseyville Road. Since this road is a rural road, there is frequent use by tractors and farm equipment. Also it is quite narrow and hilly making passing difficult and also frequently used by cyclists. Increased traffic affects the safety of this road, as well as the condition. There have been more pot holes this spring with the increase of trucks and other construction vehicles.

We have been living at this location for over 40 years and drilled a well in 2007. Our well only yields 6 litres of water per minute and our concern is that our well will be affected due to the increased water demand from this large operation. We are concerned about the affect it will have on the water table levels. We submitted a Water Well Reconnaissance Survey, but have not been contacted or consulted about this matter.

We have also noted that lighting is a concern. There are bright lights on all night that illuminate the area and are visible from our location.

There is also the issue of odour coming from greenhouses growing cannabis in close proximity to residences. The scale of this operation will affect the quality of life of the rural neighbours.

Nevertheless the primary concern is still the fact that this proposed facility is being built on prime farm land, soil that is used for the production of food by a farmer. The decision made will affect the ability of farmers to produce food locally. Also permitting the size of this operation will set a precedent for subsequent requests. The decision made on this issue will affect the future of agriculture for the future generation.

Yours truly

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