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Opposition to Supervised Consumption Site - Hamilton1 message

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Dear Minister Elliott,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed supervised consumption site being put forward by the AIDS Network at 746 Barton Street East in Hamilton.

We operate our businesses in three storefronts right across the street and live upstairs. The proposed site is also located only **three doors down** from an agency that provides a day program to about 80 young adults with developmental disabilities. **It is less than 200m from a school.** It is adjacent to residential buildings and located in a commercial district. This is not the right location for this site.

Last week, Hamilton Board of Health endorsed the AIDS Network's application. At the meeting, the exact address of the site was not identified and the AIDS Network did not disclose it as part of their presentation. We are certain that if the site had received proper scrutiny, it never would have received council endorsement.

We, as a community have not been adequately consulted. None of the businesses or residents we have spoken to on our block were aware of this initiative prior to seeing it in the media last week. There is a suspicion that information has been purposefully withheld to prevent resistance to the site.

We do not believe this application is being put forward in good faith, in that very little consultation has taken place in the context of this specific site. We are asking you to reject the site at 746 Barton St. East and send the AIDS Network back to the drawing board for a more appropriate location to deliver their services.

Sincerely,

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