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Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality
Medical Use of Marijuana Program
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August 4, 2016

Mr. Dennis W. Farias
Office of the City Clerk
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740-6182

Re: Letter of support or non-opposition

Dear Mr. Farias,

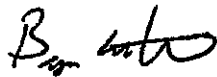
Thank you for the letter, dated July 26, 2016, expressing the New Bedford City Council's support for the Registered Marijuana Dispensary ("RMD") proposed by Beacon Compassion Center, Inc. Please be advised that the letter will not be considered by the Medical Use of Marijuana Program ("Program") as a letter of support or non-opposition for Beacon Compassion Center, Inc., as such letters must be submitted by the applicant with the Siting Profile itself.

Any applicant that wishes to have New Bedford as its host community will have to secure a letter of support or non-opposition that complies with the template in the Siting Profile as well as other Application Instructions. This information may be found on our website at <http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/hcq/medical-marijuana/2015-application-instructions-and-forms.html>.

Your letter indicated that the City Council's support is conditioned on the execution of a host community agreement. Please note that a letter of support or non-opposition may not include a condition that the parties enter into host community agreement, as the Department does not evaluate whether an applicant has entered into a host community agreement prior to the issuance of a Provisional Certificate of Registration. When issuing the letter, please do so without the conditional host community agreement language.

You may call (617) 660-5370 or email RMDapplication@state.ma.us to reach the Program directly should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Harter".

Bryan Harter, MBA, LICSW

Director

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cc. Mikaela A. McDermott, Esq.

Catherine Cametti, President of Beacon Compassion Center, Inc.