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Attn: Ms. Mary Birch,
Director of Council and Community Services/Clerk
Essex County Council
County of Essex
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Dear Mary and the Essex County Council,

Thank you for copying me on the letter you sent to Prime Minister Trudeau on February 14th, 2018 regarding the use of tax revenue from the sale of marijuana to support infrastructure in Essex.

Public infrastructure, such as bridges, roads and public transit are important components for keeping our communities running smoothly. As you are aware, though, much of our critical infrastructure, such as water and wastewater treatment, is old and in dire need of repair. My colleagues and I have repeatedly called on the government to properly support municipalities on the issue of infrastructure. I believe the federal government should be working in partnership with municipalities so that proper and adequate funding is provided to build, maintain, and repair critical infrastructure projects throughout our region.

In general, I believe it is essential that the revenues generated from the sale of marijuana be fairly distributed. Providing municipalities with a portion of these revenues ensures that our region will be able to continue providing the essential services our community needs.

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Furthermore, as you will know, cannabis legislation will have a considerable impact on municipalities. While the federal and provincial governments worry about how to regulate the sale and use of marijuana, cities are where cannabis will be bought, sold and used. As such, the government must provide adequate support to municipalities to ensure that cities and towns are able to properly handle the recreational use of marijuana.

Once again, thank you for including me on this important topic and please keep me up to date on any further measures the Essex County Council takes to request government action on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracey Ramsey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tracey Ramsey, MP
Essex