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Dr. Vera Etches
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Dear Dr. Etches:

The Ottawa Council on Smoking or Health (OCSH) congratulates and thanks you for your leadership in advocating for strong provincial regulations that would prohibit cannabis smoking inside and outside public places and workplaces.

The OCSH is especially pleased that you support a ban on the use of all combustible products—including cannabis, tobacco and herbal shisha—in multi-unit housing. Thank you for putting the health of Ottawa residents first. Thousands of Ottawa residents are regularly exposed to second-hand smoke in multi-unit housing. They deserve the highest level of protection from second-hand smoke and second-hand vapour.

The OCSH also endorsed this “gold standard” position in our letter to the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General regarding the proposed places of use of medical and recreational cannabis under the *Cannabis Act, 2017*. Our letter is available at:

<http://www.smokefreeottawa.com/whats-new/february-28th-2018>.

Sincerely,

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