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Dear Messrs. Wagner and Khasigian:

I am the City Council member for District 3, which until recently included the El Camino Wellness Center at 2511 Connie Drive, in Sacramento.

In light of the federal government's new enforcement policies against California medical cannabis dispensaries, and the recent letters from the Department of Justice threatening landlords who rent space to storefront operators such as El Camino Wellness, I thought you should know that the El Camino Wellness Center has been operating in my Council District for approximately three years. In those three years I have heard no negative feedback from neighbors. In fact, they have been a good neighbor. The security team spends time picking up trash in the surrounding neighborhood, for which neighbors have expressed considerable gratitude.

El Camino, through its managers, Mr. Agarwal and Mr. Street, has also been actively involved in all steps of the City's ordinance drafting process with the City staff and City Council Members in Sacramento to craft an ordinance that benefits not only the patients and providers, but also the general public.

I had the opportunity to tour the El Camino Wellness Center last year, and I was impressed by the overall level of compassion and professionalism.

I fully support the City's ordinance that gives an opportunity for responsible collectives like El Camino Wellness, to obtain operating permits in compliance with California law.

I hope that the federal authorities will work proactively with cities like Sacramento who are trying to implement and enforce reasonable ordinances in compliance with California law. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 808-7003 or via email at [scohn@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:scohn@cityofsacramento.org) if I can provide additional information, or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cohn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**STEVE COHN**

Councilmember, District 3