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DATE: April 1, 2021

TO: Mayor Gavin Buckley and Members of the City Council
Annapolis Planning Commission, Ben Sale, Chair and Members

RE: ***OPPOSE - 0-04-21 - Medical Cannabis Dispensaries***

The Greater Parole Community Association mission is Preserving Our Past, Promoting Our Present and Protecting Our Future. We strongly oppose the legislation before you, ***0-04-21 - Medical Cannabis Dispensaries*** for the reasons listed below -

Ward 3 will be disproportionately affected by this legislation. It is highly probable that more medical marijuana dispensaries could be located in our immediate area affecting the quality of life, crime and property values.

Many of our members have shared their concerns and noted opposition with Alderwoman Pindell Charles.

There is a dispensary in Ward 3 that causes the community a great deal of concern, the local merchants and residents have complained about the lack of parking and patrons of the dispensary consuming the products in the parking lot.

GPCA has learned that many medical marijuana dispensaries are unable to participate in regular banking activities and frequently have large amounts of cash. This becomes another source of potential crime, a reason why dispensaries have private security.

Again, GPCA strongly opposes this legislation.