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The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Dear Minister Hajdu:

I am writing to you on behalf of the constituents of my riding of Victoria to indicate my support for the government to examine issuing a license that would allow the Victoria Cannabis Buyers Club (VCBC) to continue to provide a not-for-profit and accessible space for medical users of cannabis.

It is my understanding that the current legal model for medical cannabis is expensive and inaccessible. Barriers that exist include a general inaccessibility of family physicians and General Practitioners in my home province of British Columbia. As well, users of medical cannabis who face financial hardship already struggle to pay for medications as well as struggle to qualify accessing credit in order to purchase cannabis online. Barriers such as these are unjust.

It has also come to my attention that the leadership of the City of Victoria has written to you advocating similarly on behalf of the VCBC. Please consider allowing for a temporary exemption to the VCBC under section 130 of the Cannabis Control and Licensing Act while the business transitions into the legal system as a compassionate step forward.

Warmly,

Laurel Collins  
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