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Hon. Tyisha Walker-Myers President, Board of Alders 165 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510-2010 Dear President Walker-Myers: 62 Fairfield Street New Haven, CT 06515-2812

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I respectfully submit to the Board of Alders, as a communication, the attached Ordinance Amendment entitled: ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS ADOPTING THE CGA STATE STATUTE, CHAPTER 420H, REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS, SEC. 21A-420C — LICENSE REQUIRED FOR SALE, OFFERING, OR DELIVERY OF CANNABIS. PENALTIES. ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONER, ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND MUNICIPALITIES.

The adoption of this legislation, enabled by the State of Connecticut, will authorize the City of New Haven to impose fines through a civil process on individuals and businesses found to be in violation of state statutes and municipal ordinances related to the unlicensed sale, offering, or delivery of cannabis. This is an important step toward safeguarding public health and safety, reducing unlawful activity, and ensuring that all cannabis-related enterprises operate in compliance with the law.

Our residents deserve a safe and orderly environment in which legitimate businesses can thrive. By providing the City with the authority to enforce these provisions locally, we can protect neighborhoods from illegal



operations, improve public confidence in lawful businesses, and help foster a well-regulated, responsible adult-use cannabis market.

Therefore, it is fitting and appropriate that the Board of Alders adopt this ordinance amendment to align New Haven's municipal code with state law and strengthen our local enforcement capabilities.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued commitment to the well-being of all New Haven residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Richard Furlow Majority Leader Alder, Ward 27

Attachment