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Linda Reid
Licensing & Standards Secretariat
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West
10th Floor, West Tower
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Reid:

Re: Enforcement Cost Recovery By-law for Properties used as Clandestine and Illicit Drug Labs

Recently, City Council approved the Marijuana Grow Operations – Enforcement Cost Recovery By-law at the September 26, 2007 Meeting. Once enacted, the City of Toronto would now have the ability to charge landlord large fines and for clean up costs from their illegal Marijuana Grow Operation.

However, the Cost Recovery By-law does not address the issue of criminals who produce illegal and unsafe drugs like ecstasy and methadone within a residential or commercial property. A recent Drug Lab Bust in Scarborough revealed that the illegal drug trade is still thriving within residential communities.

I would ask the members of the Licensing & Standards Committee **to amend the Marijuana Grow Operations – Enforcement Cost Recovery By-law to include Clandestine Drug Labs operating within residential and commercial properties.**

Sincerely,

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Cc: Councillor Howard Moscoe, Chair of the Licensing and Standards Committee