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RE: Review of Chapter 466, Fireworks - - AGENDA ITEM EC21.10

To Councillor Thompson & Committee members,

I write to you today and wanted to offer my support in the use of fireworks in Toronto. Fireworks are a great way to bring our community together, and particularly over the COVID-19 pandemic – in a socially distant, safe and fun way.

Eliminating the fireworks industry that is regulated by the Federal, Provincial and Municipal governments would be unfair and completely unrealistic. As an entrepreneur and resident of Toronto, it would seem unfair to put a heavy burden of red-tape on what has long been a legal industry.

I note that the city's report discusses enhanced education to ensure the rules are followed alongside regulations. With the ongoing fiscal challenges the city faces, to me there is no better way to achieve this important goal than to partner with the industry. I strongly encourage you to look closely at the Canadian National Fireworks Association's Vendor Certification and Employee Training Program - a great way to achieve this critical goal through an established program.

Many thanks for receiving and considering my input as it relates to this item.

Yours Truly,

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