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Dear MVC Commissioners,

My wife, Elizabeth Fielder and I would be grateful for your consideration of the following additional comments regarding the proposed Marijuana dispensary at

94 Dr. Fisher Rd.

- 1. Establish a single independent testing facility for the island.** Geoff Rose indicated that the reason for moving the proposed dispensary from the previous State Road site was the requirement that PCMV have an independent laboratory on site. My research in the Department of Health's publication 105 CMR 725.000 indicates no requirement for an onsite testing facility. Rather, the requirement indicates that the RMD have a contract with a registered testing facility. Given that any medical or recreational marijuana dispensary will need a testing facility, has Mr. Rose investigated the possibility of establishing a certified testing facility -- at a different location -- that would serve to test any marijuana products dispensed on the Island?
- 2. Conduct traffic count on the Old Stage end of Dr. Fisher Rd to gauge impact on residents and the Public.** Estimates of the traffic impact of the dispensary vary significantly. Page 4 of the MVC Staff Report (2017-05-18) estimates the number of trips at 212 daily. Other comments during the last public hearing indicated a lower number of 175 trips daily. I suggest that it would be appropriate for the MVC to conduct a survey of traffic using the Old Stage end of Dr. Fisher Rd, where traffic from the dispensary would will enter and leave. Such a survey should be conducted during the May-September period, when public use of this road is greatest. An article in the May 25 MVTimes (page A6, paragraph 10) cites a traffic study by the MVC indicating that the dispensary would increase traffic only by 20 percent. I was not aware that such a study had been undertaken. If such a study has been done, are the results and methodology part of the public record? For 175 daily trips (the lower estimate) to represent only a 20 percent increase in traffic indicates that current traffic on Dr. Fisher is 875 trips daily, a number that is simply unreal. A traffic count should include the number of pedestrians, horses, bicycles, etc., that use the road.

Here is just one example of the many users of Dr. Fisher Rd who would be impacted by this dramatic increase in traffic: During the summer months, FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools) uses Dr. Fisher Rd as a daily route for dozens of its youth to cycle from the FOCUS Lambert's Cove facility to the State Forest bike path for down island activities. Dr. Fisher provides a safer alternative to travelling by road. The MVC might wish to ask FOCUS staff (508 693-4824) how the addition of 175-212 daily trips on the Old Stage end of Dr. Fisher Rd might impact their youth.

Respectfully,

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