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To: Mr. Ronald M. Wolanski
Town Planner
Middletown Town Hall
350 East Main Road
Middletown, RI 02842

From: Steven C. Aten
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Middletown, RI 02842

RE: Middletown Planning Board Public Workshop 2/24/2021
Regarding marijuana related uses & issues

Dear Mr. Wolanski:
Middletown Planning Board:

I am writing to suggest a possible solution to the transition to the legal recreational and medical Marijuana market, availability and control within the state of Rhode Island, cities, towns and Communities.

First & Foremost I suggest adopting the process and solutions enacted by the

“ Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission”

Research at mass-cannabis-control.com

{ The mission of the Cannabis Control Commission is to honor the will of the voters of Massachusetts by safely, equitably and effectively implementing and administering the laws enabling access to medical and adult use (recreational) marijuana in the Commonwealth }

The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission has successfully made the transition to the legal medical and recreational markets across the entire state of Massachusetts.

The Commission has successfully addressed all the issues that were stated in the letter authored by Carol Formica; Letter to the Editor . Newport Daily News 2/24/2021

“ 2/21/2021 draft ordinance of the Middletown Code of Ordinance, Chapter 152, Zoning Code”

Marijuana related businesses; cultivation, manufacturing, testing, packaging, retail of medical compassion and retail adult recreational stores: allowable amount of marijuana purchased per visit per day, per week; identification & proof of age requirements; addressed & solved issues of secondary impacts on neighboring business, properties, residential neighborhoods; addressed and solved adverse impacts including odor & traffic complaints and decreased property values. Ensuring the health, safety and general welfare of the general public and clients.

All the infrastructure, documents, articles and enacted legislation are available by contacting

The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission. Successful past 3 years

My personal preference is to piggy-back the system used by the Mass. Cannabis Com.but instead of private corporate companies issued licence to provide retail marijuana sales' I would have the State of Rhode Island act as agent of retail sales.

Similar to the state of New Hampshire state managed (hard) liquor stores retail sales.

I want the state of Rhode Island:

To licence and regulate the wholesale production by private growers and manufactures of medical and recreational marijuana;

To regulate & control the mark-up from wholesale price to retail price of marijuana products;

To regulate & control the retail price of retail sales of medical & recreational marijuana product;
(to prevent speculators & profiteers from price gouging and excessive profiting)

To establish 4 to 6 combined medical & recreational retail sites across the state;

(suggested sites Twin Rivers Johnston & Tiverton: Providence Place Mall:

Narragansett Indian Smoke Shop: Mountain or Wakefield Malls: ect)

That have access to large parking areas and major roadways that prevent traffic issues;

To establish small in town walk-in retails stores or contract with small in town smoke, cigar, accessories stores to act as agents of the state to sell set small amounts of product to walk-in traffic ie: 2 only 1 grams pre-rolls or only 3.5 grams per visit per day

I want the state of Rhode Island to earn revenues from licencing and taxing wholesale production; to earn revenues from the profit from retail mark-up; to earn revenues from sales and sales taxes;

To set retail sales tax at 7% to RI general fund & to set a Sin Tax at 11% to supplement the states educational responsibilities.

I respectfully request that the Planning Board investigate & approve the transition to legal medical & recreational marijuana per The Mass. Cannabis Control Commission system

Respectfully;

Steven C. Aten

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Aten', with a large, stylized initial 'S' and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.