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Dear Commissioner Grant:

RE: Report SF-24-06 - Review of Licensing By-law 120-2005 and Proposed Program Enhancements

Please accept this letter as confirmation of our endorsement of the proposed program enhancements related to the Oshawa Licensing By-law 120-2005 and the inclusion of smoke, tobacco and vapour product shops and tattoo parlours.

Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) inspects 247 smoke, tobacco, and vapour product shops in Oshawa to ensure compliance with the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* and the Durham Region Smoking and Vaping By-law (28-2019).

Compliance with the applicable legislation is essential to protecting youth from the harmful effects of smoking and vaping and enhancing the collaboration between DRHD and the City of Oshawa. The proposed amendments to the licensing by-law would greatly assist with bringing non-compliant facilities into compliance.

DRHD inspects 18 tattoo parlours in Oshawa to ensure compliance with O. Reg. 136/18 Personal Service Settings, issued under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. Adding tattoo parlours to the licensing by-law would help to support compliance and prevent infection prevention and control lapses and disease transmission.

DRHD appreciates the continued partnership with the City of Oshawa and supports the proposed amendments to the licensing by-law as it will assist in ensuring compliance and further protect the health of residents in Oshawa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.J. Kyle'.

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