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December 7, 2010

Honorable Governor Jennifer M. Granholm  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Michigan Medical Marihuana Act of 2008

Dear Governor Granholm,

In an effort to develop zoning standards to regulate land uses involved in the distribution, sale, cultivation and growth of medical marihuana under the Medical Marihuana Act of 2008, we, the undersigned members of the Rochester Hills Planning Commission, have extensively studied and analyzed the Act and its implications. After having comprehensively researched the experiences and actions of other communities, court decisions, and expert analyses, it is apparent that the Act lacks guidelines to implement a safe program for the citizens it is meant to protect. We also believe that the Act exposes local governments to certain risks that need to be addressed by the State Legislature.

We respectfully request that you, as our elected representatives, take the matter of clarifying the language under consideration, in order to provide local communities guidelines for implementing a viable program for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully Submitted,

**ROCHESTER HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION:**

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