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Fire Marshal Brett Lacey
Colorado Springs Fire Department
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Re: Letter of Support of Proposed Ordinance Creating New Section 209 (Manufacture of Marijuana Concentrates Involving the Use of a Compressed Flammable Gas, Flammable Gas, Flammable Liquid, or Combustible Liquid as a Solvent in a Residential Setting Prohibited) of Part 2 (Other Dangerous Weapons and Substances) of Article 7 (Dangerous Weapons and Substances) of Chapter 9 (Public Offenses) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as Amended, Pertaining to the Manufacture Of Marijuana Concentrates Involving the Use of a Compressed Flammable Gas, Flammable Gas, Flammable Liquid, or Combustible Liquid as a Solvent in a Residential Setting, and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof

Dear Fire Marshal Lacey:

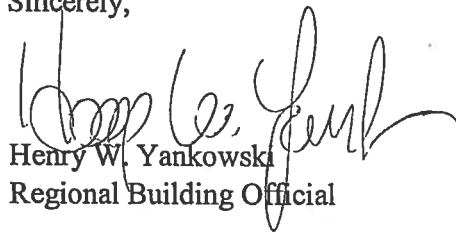
The Pikes Peak Regional Building Department has actively worked with the Colorado Springs Fire Department on several commercial marijuana hash oil extraction facilities. Throughout this process it has become evident the danger that the process presents. The extraction of the hash oil involves the use of compressed flammable gases as a solvent to release the oil. This process is highly regulated in a commercial application as there is a significant risk to public health and life safety. This regulation ensures that the extraction process is done in a safe manner in which the concentration of the flammable solvents are kept below an ignition threshold.

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The construction of a single family home does not provide adequate protection for the manufacture of marijuana concentrates derived from flammable solvents. Unregulated hash oil extraction in a residential setting presents a serious fire and life safety risk to not only the occupants of the home but the neighboring homes.

In the interest of public safety the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department supports this Ordinance.

Sincerely,



Henry W. Yankowski
Regional Building Official

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cc: Deputy Fire Marshall Barry Madison
Commander Sean Mandel
Kay Yeager