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Dear Arlington Board of Selectmen,

I would like for Arlington to hold a referendum to "opt out" of recreational marijuana sales facilities in our town. Is such a referendum already in the planning process? If not, could you please tell me what the procedure is for requesting a referendum?

I realize that the majority of voters in Arlington voted for Measure 4. However, there is a large difference between voting to legalize pot in general for the state, and wanting pot to be sold down the street from where your kids go to school or the library. Marijuana sales would have a huge impact on the character of Arlington. Up to now, Arlington has been a great family-friendly town, a place sought out for its excellent schools and parks. That character will change dramatically if we become a haven for pot pushers. Given the large impact of this decision, the residents should have the opportunity to vote whether or not they want pot sales inside our town.

Sincerely,

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