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City & County of Denver,

I have been made aware that the City of Denver is considering changing the ordinance that requires marijuana retailers to be a minimum of 1000 feet from a school or daycare down to 500 feet. I am the Executive Director of Open Door Ministries. We operate the Open Door Learning Center, a licensed child care center with the state of Colorado and within the city of Denver. We are located at 1567 Marion St., Denver, CO 80218. We are not in favor of a change to this ordinance. In addition to the licensed child care center for 3-12 year olds, we also operate an afterschool program for middle school and high school students at the same facility.

Since Colorado legalized marijuana, its use has increased among all people but most disturbingly among minors. There are already more marijuana retailers in our state than Starbucks and McDonalds so it is not difficult for consumers to find a location. Easing current restrictions in this manner is unnecessary and irresponsible. I whole heartedly encourage our city council to vote against this change.

Sincerely,

David Warren
Executive Director