

Dear Mayor Brean and City Councillors,

I went to the council meeting at the Commons today to speak in favor of the proposed fragrance-free policy at the Commons but because of all the heavy fragrances in the room I had to leave before I could speak. My friend that came with me said she had a headache from all the strong fragrances in the room and the air freshener in the bathroom was really strong. Now, about 6 hours later, I am still experiencing burning pain from the chemical exposures in the Commons. It is sad that some of us can't attend public meetings at the Commons without it affecting our health. I have multiple allergies and chemical sensitivities so going to meetings or events at the Commons can be very difficult most of the time. Between all of the fragrances on people, air fresheners in the bathrooms and cleaning products used in the Commons it is a place I do avoid most of the time. Just going in to pay my water bill can make me feel bad. I am glad that the city has a drop on the outside of the building.

I talked with Nancy earlier in the day to let the council know I was in favor of the proposed fragrance-free policy. After talking with her I do understand her concern about the smell of urine coming from the men's bathroom. Hopefully something could be done to get rid of this smell without using products that compromise our health.

I hope you will make the Commons a place that all of us can enjoy.  
If you have any questions please contact me at 541-547-4026. Thank you.

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