

## Lauren Davidson

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**From:** Perry Huston  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 1:35 PM  
**To:** Angela Hubbard; Lauren Davidson  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Operations FW: Public Input

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**From:** Laleña Johns  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 21, 2016 1:04 PM  
**To:** Perry Huston  
**Cc:** Jim DeTro; Ray L. Campbell; Sheilah Kennedy  
**Subject:** Marijuana Operations FW: Public Input

Comment regarding moratorium.....Below

Sincerely,

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**From:** rod grimes [<mailto:grimesllc@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:52 AM  
**To:** Laleña Johns  
**Subject:** Public Input

My name is Rod Grimes, Producer/process Tonasket WA. Speaking on behalf of our family operated farm.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this subject. I know you've heard a great deal of testimony so far so I will try to be brief.

At the heart of the matter I believe all of us want the same thing...a vibrant community that is economically healthy and one that promotes a quality of life that is safe and secure to our families. I urge you to please carefully consider any actions going forward that would prevent us from achieving this goal. I have three main points I would like you to consider.

1. At the very least, please protect those of us who have already invested our life's savings into the community based on current policy and commitments made by our public representatives. For many of us, changing the rules at this point, requiring a conditional use permit and/or offering an amortization clause would be fatal. We have already spent our startup capital and have long term leases in place. Relocating would not be an option and would bankrupt us. Instead, please grandfather those of us that are currently approved and work with the handful of individual farms to resolve outstanding community concerns.
2. Please keep our right to farm as agriculture! Taking this away would have many unintended consequences, from irrigation water rights that existing farms already count on, to zoning requirements that would push the industry to commercial indoor operations that is neither economically or environmentally sustainable long term. It would artificially drive up consumer pricing and limit customer choices. This model would favor big business and put small family farms at a disadvantage. Allow the next generation to farm and invest in the community they live in.
3. Lastly, please create a working group that represents the broad spectrum of producers/processors that you can collaborate with to develop policy going forward, mitigate public concerns and work together to bring home more of the industries' tax dollars so that it can be invested in our communities infrastructure, support education, youth programs and law enforcement to keep us safe and compliant.

Thank you for your time and consideration.