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From: Joe & Rene Bretz [<mailto:jnrbretz@ncidata.com>]
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To: Jim DeTro; Sheilah Kennedy; Ray L. Campbell
Subject:

I am writing this letter to express my complete disgust for the Marijuana grows in Okanogan county. My family and I do not see why there should be so many allowed. If it is legal to smoke this then why can't those that want it keep it private and grow their supply at home? Why does the public need to be exposed to the adverse effects of them? People like to use the excuse that alcohol is legal and sold in stores where families shop, but I must ask what benefits, other than revenue, has selling alcohol given to the public ?? One major example of how something like this can adversely effect communities is: abuse, mental, psychological, physical. There are so many people who suffer from addiction whether it be an innocent child living with an addict or an innocent family killed by a driver under the influence. Why would we consider creating more wrecklessness in our home communities???

The current grows in our county are documented to be properly unregulated, using false information on permit applications, using well water for commercial products, infringing on privacy rights of nearby neighbors, promoting hardcore activites on their websites. Our youth are being subjected against their will; to witnessing overdosed friends, where they are being taken to the hospital from the school grounds, the selling of undocumented marijuana in schools (prob stolen from parents who were too high) they are trending in risky experimental drugs and we are just giving excuses after excuses as to why this is ok? "Educate your kids against drugs/alcohol" they say...tell me what good that will do when a person under the influence commits a crime or other action that severely affects them. I can warn my daughter about rape, that won't protect her from knowing someone who was raped or being raped herself. The future of our country is becoming amoral and no longer concerned about the wellbeing of others but rather too concerned about not offending ones rights to chose. Why are the rights of marijuana users more important over rights of those that don't want to be exposed to it?

As a taxpayer I feel that there is too much focus on the revenue and not the well being of the overall community.

The legislation has taken any real revenue opportunity anyway so the only thing left is to bear the burden of the after effects when abusers and their victims are needing care and taxpayers are the ones who must foot the cost whether they chose to or not.

As far as being a Tonasket resident, I am appalled that the Mayor has the nerve to tell those folks who live

outside the city limits that they don't have any say in the matter of him suggesting a retail store being a positive addition to the town. Tonasket isn't a city, it's a community. We all live and shop and do business and send our children to school there. In fact the majority of the business owned in Tonasket are by folks who live outside of the city limits. Tell me why it is that when a disaster occurs we can pull together as a community/family but when revenue is a possibility there's a difference in attitude as to where the boundaries are?

It's a shame that we are too focused on selfish needs and not the health of our community as a whole.

I pray that someone has the ability to stand up to the selfish bullies in our county and "Just say No"! to marijuana industry. Is this really what we want our county subjected too? Why?????

Signed,

Renee Bretz

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