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Subject: IMMEDIATE ACTION: COMMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION Marijuana

To All Commissioners and Planning Board,

I am very concerned to see the recent actions of the Okanogan Commissioners. As it pertains to Marijuana and the amortization language that would force all existing operators to cease operations January 1, 2017.

I am a business owner here in our county. I moved here last year to run my business in a community that was happy to have us. I will have spent over \$300,000 in our community in the last year. There are 55-60 businesses just like me that have spent Millions of dollars in this county.

My companies expenditures locally are spread out through places such as; Lee Frank Ace hardware, junction gas station, subway, Tonasket pizza company, taco truck, Shannon's, whistler's, Midway, Vasser electric, Range excavation, home depot omak, Walmart omak, safeway omak, all fast food omak, best western omak, indoor tropics, Oxarc, and so many more places. All of these local and national chains with local stores hire locals to work in these business that I have been supporting me since we opened last summer & all these other licensees for the last 2 years.

Most everybody in these business is so happy to provide services and products to me and my fellow marijuana licensees. The economic impact would be huge to the county if all this new money that has been coming here would be sent to another county!! Let alone the devastation to all our businesses.

Please take a hard look at what we have actually brought to this amazing community. The amount of **jobs lost alone would seem to be a massive concern, if I were a comminsioner.**

I will ask all these local businesses to also reach out to you, but I would ask to reach out to the community and see how bad this could impact us.

I will see you on 3.28.16.

Please reconsider the zoning changes currently being drafted in OCC Title 17A.290 that are negatively impacting Marijuana Operations. To support this emerging industry, please implement the following:

- **Maintain the current definition of Marijuana as an agricultural crop** with the right to farm (17A.020.060 Agriculture)
- Include the definition of farm to include marijuana (17A.020.370 Farm)
- Do not require conditional-use on marijuana operations (17A.290.030)
- Allow permitted use across all zones (pg 106 of OCC 17A Zoning)
- **Eliminate the Amortization Period** to require permitted, unpermitted, or legal pre-existing marijuana operations to cease operations on January 1, 2017.
- Eliminate additional conditions that would increase operational costs or inhibit business development (17A.310.100 Potential Conditions)

We also ask that you help the effort in asking Commissioners to repeal the moratorium, which prohibits the siting of new producers, processors, and retail operators. (Resolution 17-2016)

Thank you,

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