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To Planning commission and County Commissioners:

I just want to take time to review a few issues at the last Planning Commission Meeting on April 11th 2016. A testimony given by Mr Kim Herriman regarding his marijuana farm south of Tonasket. He stated that a neighbor recently sold her house without any problems. He forgot to mention the fact the fence that he put in for growing marijuana is less than 200 feet away form Shawn and Maricela Bensing's home and business to the south, the fact that he excavated on another land owners property without permission for installing the processing trailers, and the fact that his wife or significant other was too embarrassed to live on site of the operation. I am not grasping at straws here but just stating facts. It appears that some of these growers are willing to feed people full of lies to get their way. I had a chance to talk to one other grower (Tracy Stevens) in the Tonasket area that stated his location was north of Tonasket, this is one operation that I had no idea was there simply because it was put in the right place not in a residential neighborhood. These type of marijuana operations I have no problem with and understand that most of us that are not pro marijuana feel this way. I have put my entire life savings into my marijuana operation was another comment made to me by another grower in a private conversation, my response back was I've put my entire life savings into my land and home where I once chose to live without marijuana. I believe that there may be some economic benefits from this industry, but nothing like what is being advertised by growers and users. Another fact is I have neighbors including myself that have unwillingly purchased adjacent properties to keep these operations from moving closer to us. This has put us in a huge financial bind, but if it keeps marijuana away from our families its all worth it even if it means working extra jobs. I guarantee this is no lie if needed you can look up our tax parcels to prove the point under Jack Denison on the Okanogan County Tax Sifter Web site and under other land owners in the North Pine Creek / Aeneas Lake area. Another fact that I wanted you all to know is that last year while the Omak marijuana store was being proposed there was a group of people that were working against this, and while this was going on one of these people received anonymous death threats and their email and Facebook accounts were hacked into. The person making the threats was never able to be tracked down. Are these the type of people we want in our communities? I know that not all of these people are this way but it certainly raises concerns for me. I know that the people of the county that are not pro marijuana have not had a very strong showing at the two meetings and that's because these people have jobs, kids, and personal issues to attend to unlike these people that are in the marijuana business that have the time attend. The words of us that have verbal or written testimony speak for many more throughout the county. There must be a reason why most of the counties on the west side of the State put moratoriums in place. Lets keep this county as our county not King county.

Thanks for your time
Jack Denison