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Subject: Fwd: [External Sender] Proposed Pot Shop
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Sara,

Here's another one for the public hearing file.

Thank you,

Merrit Linke
Grand County
Commissioner District II
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Elizabeth Paige <elizabeth.paige@granby.com>
Date: September 17, 2019 at 5:35:58 PM MDT
To: mlink@co.grand.co.us
Subject: [External Sender] Proposed Pot Shop

Commissioner Merrit Linke,

Hi, I am Paige Chavoustie, a resident of Granby and wife of Mayor Paul Chavoustie, mother of Firefighter Hannah Chavoustie and Firefighter Kyle Chavoustie, mother of young sons (age 6 and 9) an ordained minister, a Christian author, President of a Bible College, Co-Founder of two orphanages and a school in Kenya, a home educator, and leader of Grand County's homeschool group (and friend of your sister, Tish).

I am writing to you today to implore you to prevent the currently proposed retail marijuana shop from being allowed in the county, so close to the town of Granby and the hub of the East Grand schools.

Three years ago, when my husband ran for Mayor of Granby, one of the items on his platform was to keep pot shops out of Granby. As you can tell by public records, he won in a landslide.

It was not only his idea to protect the town, but was put into town law by the previous Mayor and Town Board. Ever since the issue of legal marijuana became a topic in Colorado, the elected officials and voters of Granby have maintained their stance to keep the retail sales of this drug out of Granby.

The reasons are obvious--Granby is a family town with old-fashioned values and is the hub of the schools and homes for many of Grand County's residents. Although people who want marijuana only need to drive 15 minutes to Tabernash

to obtain it, protecting the Town of Granby and its residents, particularly those who are too young to drive, is paramount.

I know that the proposed site is technically not within the limits of the town of Granby, but you can hit the town limits with a rock from there. In the eyes of the people, and the accessibility of the people and school children, it is considered a part of Granby.

We all know from the statistics that legalizing marijuana in Colorado has not solved any problems, but created many more, often in the cost of human life and mental health (we already have a huge problem with mental health and teen suicides), marital problems, more arrests, including violent crimes (which taxes our police forces and judicial system and makes an unsafe environment for our citizens), and is a gateway drug for other, more harmful drugs, and for funding organized crime.

According to Rocky Mountain PBS, Colorado is now the number one state for illegal marijuana grow operations. Since its legalization, there has been an increase in 9x the amount of illegal marijuana seizures, increased black market arrests by 700%, and Colorado now illegally feeds 34 states across the US with illegal marijuana 70x more than in 2013. Colorado has also surpassed Miami as the supplier of illegal marijuana. With ties to Miami drug cartel families, illegal marijuana grow operations also fund a plethora of organized crime operations. And this is all since it was legalized.

Do we really want to attract this type of activity in our family-friendly community?

There would be many innocent people who would pay the price to benefit just one (the owner of the pot shop) and, perhaps the greed of those who would put tax revenue over human life and our way of life.

2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

Whether you believe the words of God or not, there will be a judgment day someday for each of us. Let us not assign our names with those who would harm their neighbors for their own personal gain.

I beg you to put the citizens of Granby, their rights as voting citizens who voted against this, and our children since they are the future of this community, above the interests of the one and vote NO on allowing the pot shop to obtain a sales license in the proposed location in or around the town of Granby!

Thank you for your time and denial of their request,

Paige Chavoustie

P.S. Here are some interesting and sobering links that may alert you to the real dangers of this drug:

Here you can view the Rocky Mountain PBS documentaries on what MJ is costing Colorado and is doing to the brains of our children, Insight with John Ferrugia Cultivating Crime <https://video.rmpbs.org/video/cultivating-crime-q80mih/>

and Marijuana in Colorado

<https://www.pbs.org/video/rmpbs-specials-insight-john-ferrugia-marijuana-state-high/>