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To: Kittitas County Community Development Services

We urge the Kittitas County Community Development Services to reconsider the Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) for the Grow Bros I502 Grow Facility Project. We feel that marijuana grow operations will have an adverse impact on the environment. We are concerned about potential problems with crime and water which may result in a decrease in our property values.

The Grow Bros I502 project is a large marijuana grow facility that will be required to install tall fences, night time lighting, and security systems. It seems like there is an expectation that these types of facilities will bring an increase in criminal activity to our community. We are concerned that there will not be adequate law enforcement coverage for rural marijuana growing facilities and that puts the rest of the rural residents at risk.

We are also concerned about potential water issues. Marijuana plants require large quantities of water and chemicals. The year-round growing operations may lower the water table which would impact the wells of adjacent property owners. The chemical run-off could potentially damage our Timothy hay.

We feel that the potential problems with crime, water use, chemical run off, and decreasing property values are significant issues. Marijuana grow facilities don't fit with the established agricultural community. We'd like to preserve the open space and beauty of this rural setting. We ask the Kittitas County Community Development Services to withdraw the DNS for the Grow Bros I-502 Grow Facility Project.

Thank you,

Todd & Paula Schnebly