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Public comment: To the Community Development Services / Planner 1
RE: Cu-14-00005 McDonald Administrative Conditional Use Permit

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I would like to voice my opposition to any Marijuana growing operations in the county. In this location they would like to grow the plants outside of an enclosed building or green house and I oppose this request. I am a farmer and myself the Timothy Hay Growers Association and many other farmers, Hay processors, and people have voiced their opposition to the growing of marijuana in the valley with the exiting timothy hay being grown in the Kittitas valley. If the marijuana plant gets contaminated with the timothy hay being grown and it shows up in Japan or a foreign country it could be a huge detriment to the Hay industry in this valley. It is also the perception of the Japanese hay buyers and other hay buyers with the knowledge that marijuana is being grown in close proximity to the timothy hay or other hay crops being grown. It will be a huge negative impact on the perception of them buying a product that is safe and drug free for their markets. Timothy hay has been grown for many years in this valley previous to this request for marijuana to now be grown and it would be the logical assumption that timothy trumps marijuana. The timothy hay is the lively hood for the economic health of most of the farmers in this valley and it should not be compromised. The growing of it out side of an enclosed facility should be denied.

Growing Marijuana has an extremely negative impact on property values and the safety and the security for families and people with high moral values.

We see a contradiction between Federal Law and State Laws. I have attached an article where the states of Oklahoma and Nebraska are suing to stop the marijuana law in Colorado. The complaint says Colorado's Amendment 64 runs afoul of federal law and therefore violates the Constitution's supremacy clause, which says that federal law trumps state laws. They are taking it to the Supreme Court.

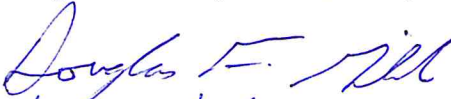

Public safety is a big concern and it will increase the cost of health related issues and police enforcement for the citizens of the county.

This is an evil vice that if encouraged will be a health hazard to the children, teens and the general public. Law enforcement officers have said that you will be arrested with a DUI if you are driving under the influence of marijuana.

To the Community Development Services I ask you to discourage all aspects of marijuana trying to be grown in the Kittitas valley.

Sincerely,

Douglas and Wendy Gibb and Family

"Pot Challenge": Okla., Neb. sue to stop Colo. marijuana law



A thriving marijuana plant at a grow operation in Denver, Colo., Dec. 31, 2013. REUTERS/RICK WILKING

LINCOLN, Neb. - Nebraska and Oklahoma on Thursday asked the U.S. Supreme Court to declare Colorado's legalization of marijuana unconstitutional, saying the drug is being brought from Colorado into neighboring states.

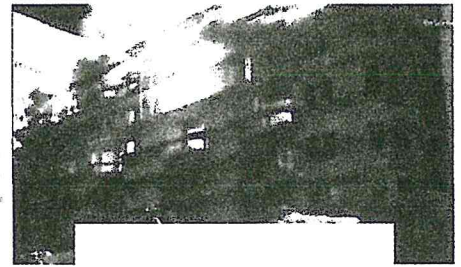
Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning said the states have filed a lawsuit seeking a court order to prevent Colorado from enforcing the measure that was approved by voters in 2012. The complaint says Colorado's Amendment 64 runs afoul of federal law and therefore violates the Constitution's supremacy clause, which says that federal laws trump state laws.

"This contraband has been heavily trafficked into our state," Bruning said at a news conference in Lincoln. "While Colorado reaps millions from the sale of pot, Nebraska taxpayers have to bear the cost." Some law enforcement agencies in western Nebraska, along the Colorado border, have complained that marijuana from the neighboring state has drained their resources.

Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt said Thursday that Colorado's decision has hindered his state's efforts to enforce its anti-marijuana laws. Pruitt said marijuana poses health and safety risks to children and teens. "As the state's chief legal officer, the attorney general's office is taking this step to protect the health and safety of Oklahomans," Pruitt said in a statement.

Washington state also has legalized marijuana, but Bruning said Washington wasn't included because it doesn't share a border with Nebraska or Oklahoma. In a statement, Colorado Attorney General John Suthers said the lawsuit was without merit but that he was not totally surprised by it because neighboring states have expressed concerns about Colorado marijuana crossing the border.

"However, it appears the plaintiffs' primary grievance stems from non-enforcement of federal laws regarding marijuana, as opposed to choices made by the voters of Colorado," said Suthers, who said Colorado would vigorously defend its law. Bruning, a Republican, blamed U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder for failing to enforce the federal law's ban on drugs in Colorado. Bruning leaves office in January but said he coordinated with Nebraska Attorney General-elect Doug Peterson, also a Republican, who will continue to pursue the case.



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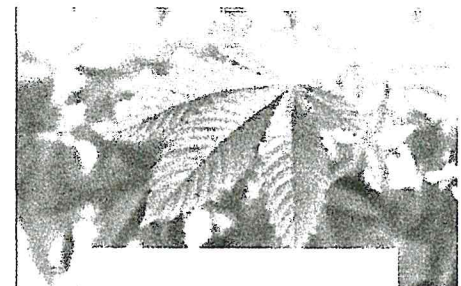
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