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Berndt; Obie OBrien; CDS User; Kaycee Hathaway; madizone@gmail.com; Jslothower@lwhsd.com; jufkes@johnufkeslaw.com; newsroom@kvnews.com; news@yakimaherald.com; metrodesk@columbian.com; citydesk@seattlepi.com Are German Baptist Children Deserving the Same Protection as other Children?

Attachments: WALCB appeal denial of objection to McD because of school.pdf

Dear Commissioners, Mr. Simmons and Staff,

Attached is my appeal to your rejection of my request to deny T.J. McDonald's producer/processor application which is due for final inspection this Friday, February 13, 2015.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Subject:

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February 8, 2015

Re: Objection to Marijuana Producer/Processor License 415857 Old McDonald's Farm

OLD	License	UBI	1006	ELLENSBURG	WA	KITTITAS
MCDONALD'S	#	6033564940010002	EMERSON			COUNTY
FARM	415857		RD STE C			

Dear Commissioners and Licensing Staff:

I received your letter informing me that since the German Baptist Brethren Frontier School is not recognized by the Washington State Superintendent of Schools that those children are not afforded the same protections as those in public schools and the private schools that have applied and registered with the Washington State Superintendent of Schools. This is a case where the letter of the law is not upholding the spirit of the law. The federal government has clearly stated that keeping marijuana away from children is of prime importance and one of the key requirements for preventing the federal government from intruding on the state's experiment of legalizing a nationally (and internationally) illegal drug. *The letter of the law needs to be changed in this regard to accommodate all sensitive uses*.

ANABAPTIST EDUCATION IS PROTECTED BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

The German Baptists have their own way of educating their children structured in accordance with their own beliefs, as do the other Anabaptist groups like the Mennonites and Amish. In Wisconsin v. Yoder, the United States Supreme Court decided that, "requiring children to attend school full time was unconstitutional because it infringed on the freedom of the Amish to practice their religion." Justice Hallows wrote, "We view this case as involving solely a parent's right of religious freedom to bring up his children as he believes God dictates." This is from the webpage sited at the end of this paragraph. "All three courts in Wisconsin were unanimous in their findings: "The Wisconsin compulsory education law does interfere with the freedom of the defendants to act in accordance with their sincere religious beliefs." The Wisconsin Supreme Court said, "Any high school -- public or private -- represents a deterrent to Amish salvation...To the Amish secondary schools not only teach an unacceptable value system," said the court, "but they seek to integrate ethnic groups into a homogenized society, resulting in psychological

alienation from their parents and cause great harm to the child." https://www.wicourts.gov/courts/supreme/docs/famouscases18.pdf

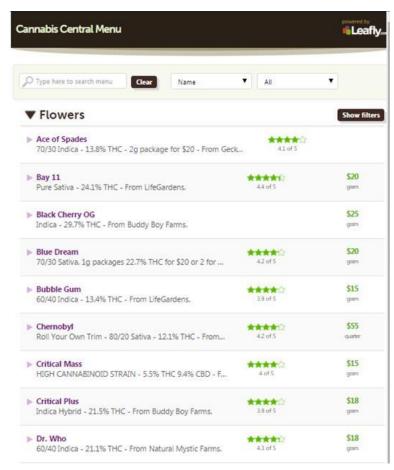
So if the United States Supreme Court has decided they have the right to have their own kind of schooling, one that is different from the state's but is acceptable because it works in their culture, why should their school, children and culture be insulted by allowing this non-conforming use next to their long standing school, which is clearly antithetical to their teachings and inappropriate? The US Supreme Court decided the Amish schooling was valid even if it is not recognized by the state. The German Baptist Frontier Brethren School is a real school with real children in it. They deserve the same protection as other children even if their education is different and not dictated by the State Superintendent of Schools.

PLEASE RECOGNIZE THE HIGH PROBABILITY OF CRIME

Marijuana producers, especially Tier 3s, can store an incredibly high amount of value. Your rules currently allow them to store 1 ¼ years' worth of product. Mike Graham of Natural Mystic Farms on Naneum Road said that he is storing product until he can get better prices from the retailers, according to the latest CWU student newspaper.

http://cwuobserver.com/4101/theevergreen-scene/black-marketsuffering-as-legal-cannabis-takesover/

According to your own consultants, BOTEC from Carnegie Mellon, a Tier 3 crop's value would average around \$4-\$6M under prelegalization prices of \$230/oz. for high quality product. Current prices as of just this week at Ellensburg's retail store, Cannabis Central, were



still three times that amount, \$700/oz at the high end, while the low end was still above the prices given by BOTEC. Black Market prices are lower than legal retail but are influenced by the legal market. The incentive for those who have a distribution network on the black market to steal this lightweight and portable product gets increasingly higher as the street value goes up. With values this high, it would attract criminals that would take their time to case an operation. High value heists can involve helicopters, multiple cars to switch into, high tech gadgets, heavy

duty saws and weapons. Here is an article of and video of a mere \$5.3M bank heist in Sweden several years back that was caught on CCTV.

http://www.theguardian.com/world/2009/sep/23/swedish-cash-depot-helicopter-raid https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7UF-AG1rZk8

Routine Activity Theory basically states that an accessible target without adequate guardians in the presence of a motivated offender create a situation where crime occurs. Indeed, marijuana businesses have been popular targets for thieves in all parts of the nation. Placing them in the country far away from law enforcement takes the adequate guardian out of the picture. If you would like to know more about my research on crime associated with legal recreational and medical marijuana grows I would be happy to provide you what I can. I did contact the Denver Police Department and they informed me that there was a 32% increase in crime against marijuana businesses in the first 6 months of 2014 compared to the first 6 months of 2013. The Colorado Springs P.D. reported their city did not allow recreational marijuana businesses but the black market had definitely increased since recreational marijuana was legalized. I was in contact with a former Deputy Planner for District 5 in Los Angeles who worked on regulating

legal medical marijuana businesses. He explained that theft and other crime was the main problem with these businesses because of the value of the product and the cash going in and out.

Why put school children, or any children or families for that matter, at risk while getting this experimental new industry off the ground? I believe that the WSLCB and whatever legislators were involved were negligent in not forbidding these commercial marijuana businesses, which are public nuisances and hazardous to the health and welfare of the community, to be allowed near any homes, even in the country. An established nuisance zone would be better, or at



https://twitter.com/BinxBuds/status/483791083474653184

the very least to restrict it to the industrial zone.

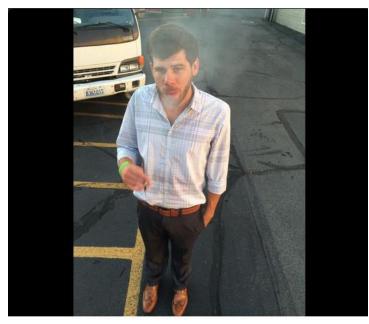
The results of a study by UCLA's Medical Marijuana Research Department, "suggest that the density of MMDs may not be associated with crime rates." This is an argument for centrally locating them. It would not put them at any greater risk. I would argue they would be at less risk than they are strewn about the countryside, far from law enforcement and where there are less watchful eyes. It would certainly give families that live in the country, families that receive no benefit from these enterprises and were given no choice in the matter, a greater amount of security.

A NEW CONCERN ABOUT OLD McDONALD'S FARM AKA BINX BUDS

Minutes from an April meeting of the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners revealed that the Kittitas County Sheriff had requested the board of commissioners seek a denial of the Old McDonald's Farm application and the commissioners approved it 2-0.

Under LETTER OLD McDONALDS
FARM LLC COMMISSIONERS on
page 2 Commissioner Berndt moved to
authorize Board signature on a letter to
the WA State Liquor Control Board
recommending denial of the Marijuana
License Application (415857-7A) Old
McDonalds Farm LLC. Chairman
Jewell seconded. He stated that this
was standard protocol for how they
handle response to the Marijuana

License Applications from the State when they receive a recommendation of denial from the County Sheriff's office. Motion carried 2-0. You can see the minutes in the image. It is located at





This is T.J. McDonald smoking in what appears to possibly be a public area, by the looks of the painting on the asphalt. The tweet says, "Smoking is for everyone!" A vote for I-502 was not a vote to encourage more people to smoke. This type of marketing should be prohibited.

http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/uploads/bocc/minutes/2014/2014-04-21-minutes-bocc.pdf.



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Land. Chairman Jewell seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

LETTER

OLD McDONALDS FARM LLC

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Berndt moved to authorize Board signature on a letter to the WA State Liquor Control Board recommending denial of the Marijuana License Application (415857-7A) Old McDonalds Farm LLC. Chairman Jewell seconded. He stated that this was standard protocol for how they handle response to the Marijuana License Applications from the State when they receive a recommendation of denial from the County Sheriff's office. Motion carried 2-0.

REQUEST

COUNTY FLAG POLE USE ON 5.15.2014

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Berndt moved to direct staff to draft a letter and







In addition, T.J. McDonald's medical marijuana delivery service in Ellensburg had updated its prices on Jan. 20, 2015 and took them down three days later. The bargain marijuana is called the "College Special" and is \$5/gram. This could appear to be marketing to a demographic that is mostly underage. The Rodeo City Meds page on Leafly is no longer active. It refers folks to the local retail shop.

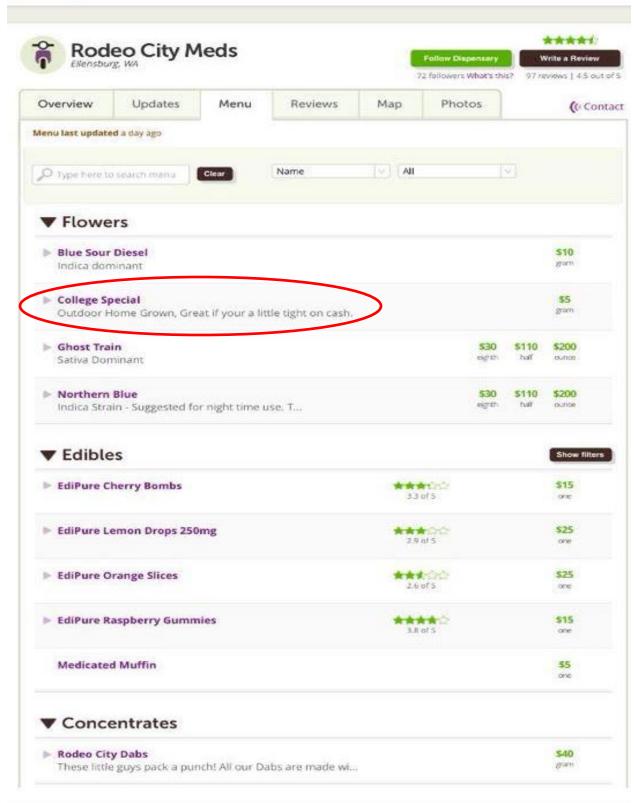
Please respect the warning of the Department of Justice, safety of the children, the sanctity of the German Baptist faith and their Court determined right to implement a separate yet legitimate educational system. **Rectify this situation and amend your own rules** for denying applications to producers, processors and retailers within 1000' of any sensitive use to be in compliance with the spirit of the law that was intended in Title 21.

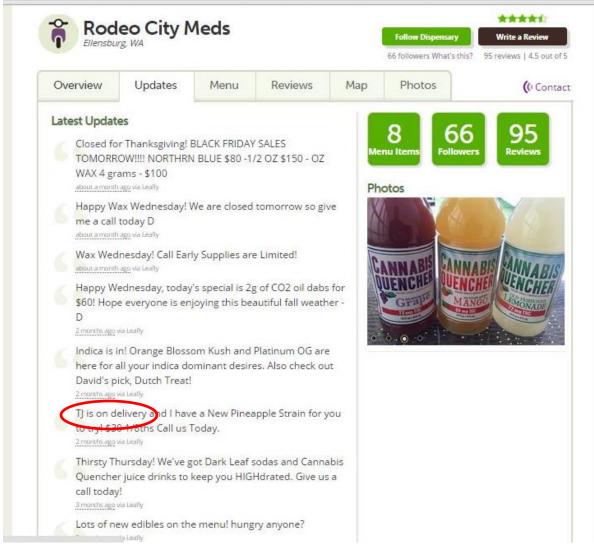
I urge you again to do the right thing and deny Marijuana Producer/Processor License 415857, Old McDonald's Farm on 1006 Emerson Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926. His final inspection is this Friday, February 13, 2015 according to his tweet.

Sincerely,

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In regards to another person interviewed in the CWU Observer in the article at http://cwuobserver.com/4101/the-evergreen-scene/black-market-suffering-as-legal-cannabis-takes-over/, it states, "Rick James, a 23-year-old part-time street dealer and full-time head gardener at Green Labs LLC in Raymond, Wash...said at the height of his time as an illegal salesman, a pound of cannabis was worth \$2,800 for the best available product. Now, James said, you're lucky to see a pound worth \$2,000. That's a 28 percent decrease in only a few years...Green Labs, a legal grower and processor, produces about 70 pounds of legal recreational cannabis every month, selling it for \$4,500 to \$5,000 per pound."

My question is, does the WSLCB condone marijuana businesses having employees that have admitted to committing the felony of selling marijuana on the illegal market?

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