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Dear Mr. Hanson,

T.J. McDonald posted on his Binx Buds webpage that your office told him there would be a decision regarding his CUP around the end of March. I have attached a letter explaining why you need to reject this application with some new information. I am also attaching proof that his license with the WALCB has not been granted as of three days ago and a scclaim.reen shot of his webpage making that claim.

Please read the attached letter before making a final decision on the Old McDonald Farm application on Emerson Road.

Sincerely,

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March 27, 2015

Dear Mr. Hanson,

I urge you once again not to approve the C.U.P. for Old McDonald's Farm, a 502 recreational marijuana producer processor that would be <u>illegally</u> located next to a church school/youth center/playground. The federal government made it clear that several conditions needed to be met to prevent federal intervention in regards to I-502. Protecting children by keeping these businesses a minimum of 1000' from sensitive uses is one of the most basic requirements.

I will remind you of the written statement by then Seattle U.S. Attorney Jenny Durkan to The Associated Press. She said, "Prior marijuana enforcement in both Eastern and Western Washington has focused on keeping dispensaries out of school zones, and that work will continue... <u>"It has been an important bright line and a well-established one. It is to protect children and will not be compromised for convenience."</u>

I have written the Eastern Washington Department of Justice and Mr. Steven Tomson of the Law Enforcement Division has informed me that the attorneys are reviewing the issue. The state is using a WAC, a state law, to justify defying an important federal law whose upholding was entrusted to the state as a condition of not being sued by the federal government over I-502. Can this county afford to be sued by both the neighborhood and the Department of Justice?

More importantly, denying this application is the right thing to do, and you have many reasons besides the school to confidently and justly do this such as inadequacies in the application. There is a reason for the provision in Title 21 that prohibits controlled substances from being manufactured near sensitive uses such as schools, playgrounds and youth centers. The German Baptist's Brethren Frontier School serves as the location where these hard working and upright members of our community educate, play and gather their children.

I am certain the vast majority of the less than 60% of the voters of this state who approved this measure did not envision these businesses being allowed to be sited in such inappropriate places. If the populace were aware I am sure they would be shocked and dismayed at the state's and local government's failure to protect the children and adhere to these few basic but important tenants the federal government required compliance with.

I would also like to remind you that of the handful of municipalities that have banned 502 businesses, four judges have upheld their right to do that. This industry basically wrote an unclear law and used it to bully small municipalities with the threat of law suits. This did not happen in Colorado where 87% of municipalities chose to opt out of recreational marijuana businesses. Whatever threatening posture this producer processor, T.J. McDonald of Old McDonald Farm (aka Binx Buds, Rodeo City Meds, New Leaf, Canyon Creek Gardens, Sensimilla) might make, he should be stood up to for the sake of doing the right thing as well as not risking the consequences of defying the federal government on an issue they have stated they will not concede.

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## Our Road to becoming a WA State Licensed Marijuana Producer/Prcessor

March 15, 2015 - Well its halfway through March and the County came out last week to inspect the facility and take pictures documenting that we are following the rules. They also said that they are wrapping up our C.U.P. and should have a ruling for us in a couple of weeks. We are so excited to start the 2015 growing season and hope things proceed quickly and in our favor.

February 23, 2015 - We have passed our Final State inspection and are ready for the county to wrap things up! Spring is nearly upon us and we are very eager to start our first Washington State Crop!

February 7 2015- After a battle with UL listings and security cameras we are finally ready for an inspection! The Date is set and we couldn't be more stoked!

December 17 2014- We are currently in the Public Comment phase of our conditional use permit. Any positive input to the county would be greatly appreciated. Aside from that we have started setting up our security system and finishing up the loose ends for our electrical inspection. This has been a long humpy road but we can finally see the finish line and then the work starts

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