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City Council of Fraser
Mayor Phillip Vandernail
153 Fraser Avenue
Fraser, CO 80442

RE: Marijuana Sales

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council:

I understand that you are currently in discussions and consideration of expanding marijuana establishments within Planned Developments in the Town of Fraser.

I will begin by saying that I was entirely opposed to the legalization to begin with. Unfortunately, that train has left the station. It is however not without significant consequences to our State and local jurisdictions.

Unfortunately, the true long-term negative effects of marijuana may not be known for decades when a "rearview mirror" postmortem can take place to actually determine what many of the health and other consequences are.

Most jurisdictions are too focused on the positive benefits of tax revenue and not the economic, health and societal costs. There are however counterbalancing negative effects that should be considered when any decisions regarding marijuana are under consideration.

I have seen report conducted by the Centennial Institute to this effect that would include some of the following:

- For every dollar gained in tax revenue, Coloradans spend approximately \$4.50 to mitigate the effects of legalization.
- Costs related to the health care system and from high school dropouts are the largest cost contributors.
- Research shows a connection between marijuana use and the use of alcohol and other substances.



- Calls to poison control related to marijuana increased dramatically since legalization of medical marijuana and legalization of recreational marijuana.
- Research does suggest that long-term marijuana use may lead to reduced cognitive ability, particularly in people who begin using it before they turn 18.
- 69% of marijuana users say they have driven under the influence of marijuana at least once and 27% admit to driving under the influence on a daily basis.
- The estimated cost for DUIs for people who tested positive for marijuana only in 2016 approaches \$25 million.

I think this report confirms what many have known for years that there are health, economic and social costs associated with marijuana which dramatically increase when legalized. I firmly believe we should minimize anything that would easily advance the presence and availability in our vicinity.

As developer of one of the major Planned Development districts in the town, I want to formalize our opposition that expansion of marijuana establishments be also included in Planned Development districts. I would sincerely hope that the City Council would take these kind of adverse consequences into consideration when they are making their decision.

Thanks so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walter A. Koelbel Jr.".

Walter A. Koelbel Jr
President
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cc: Jeffery Durbin, Town Manager