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Dear Commissioners Newberry, Linke and Manguso.

My spouse and I would invite you to look at a different perspective contrasting from what many letters written on the matter of the marijuana stores approval along Hwy 34. I would first like to establish the fact that Jennifer and I are family minded professionals with young boys, and neither of us use marijuana products in any way, shape, or form.

Regardless if you grant license of these establishments, marijuana and substances are already prevalent in the Grand Lake Community. This includes controlled substances such as narcotics and regulated pharmaceuticals. While denying these stores will not have an effect on more serious and addictive substances; approving them could potentially curb the high prevalence of meth and it's like counterparts that the central and north part of Grand County carries as an unspoken stigmata.

Living in Fraser, in Waterside West (which is located just behind Safeway), we have not witnessed any increase in crime or traffic nor any decline of cleanliness of the area due to the addition of dispensaries in our city. Property value has not diminished, rental markets have not subsided, and tourism has not been detoured elsewhere. In fact the complete opposite is taking place, though I do not believe dispensaries are the cause of the rise in these markets.

However, the addition of dispensaries in fact has caused the decline in my personal observation of 'street business' of substances in the area. As a local bartender over the past year, I have not had one patron ask me "Hey man, do you know where I can find ..... ." This I feel is due to the fact that a regulated professional dispensary is operational in the area and holds reasonable daytime business hours.

In closing, I would ask that in making your decision that you act on what is best for the community and not base your decision on the few letters that oppose these places due to their personal choices.

Sincerely

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