

Letter to Clerk

November 2,

2015

Dear Clerk,

My name is Jenny Carpenter. I am thirteen years old and have a mountain home in Grand Lake. The mountain home resides near the Bluebird Motel, where it is planned to have a recreational marijuana store right across the street from it. I strongly advise against this proposal.

Our mountain home is a place for memories and family. In Grand Lake, it is a popular place for people to come with their families. Family is a vital aspect to life and can hold a person together, and Grand Lake is a place for families to come and relax.

However, if there is a marijuana store right in that area, then that can not only set a corrupt example for very young children, but it is twenty times more toxic than cigarette smoke. In other words, there will likely be the using and perhaps smoking of marijuana in Grand Lake. These children, adults, and teenagers, could inhale these harmful substances and have not as long of a life, cancer, and even birth defects to pregnant women.

Even if the marijuana smoking and using was prevented near Grand Lake, the store itself would disrupt the special spirit about it as well. Grand Lake is a place for fun and games, but it is also a place for family and love as well.

I completely understand that the Colorado law allows recreational marijuana, but what makes Grand Lake special is that it is a magnet for happiness and discovery. Please do not allow this economic benefit to destroy that magnet and put in this new generation of Grand Lake civilians to be involved with drugs and destroy the thing that has kept Grand Lake alive so long: family.

This is one place out of so few where several families can get away from those harmful substances that are marijuana and pot.

However desparate this economic system may be, do not allow money to put demise to our morals. In America, it is so proudly proclaimed, "Land of the Free, Home of the Brave." Please take into consideration my letter to you as a representation of those who do not want marijuana into their homes as an act of freedom of speech. Please do not shove it aside, but take into consideration how many memories you might stop from coming true if that marijuana store gets built. I understand the economic benefits, and if necessary, please build it somewhere else.

The Native Americans, however long ago, lived in Grand Lake. However, they called it "Spirit Lake" instead. Please keep that spirit alive, well, and flourishing. Keep those families alive and healthy.

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Hope that you are well,

Sincerely,
Jenny Carpenter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jenny Carpenter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.