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Subject: MMK Limited and Grand Lake Management

I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself in protest of the retail marijuana license. These proposed sites are extremely close to our home. The actual entrance to this site is one of the main roads that leads directly to our home. We bought a home in Grand Lake/Grand County because of peace and quiet this area offers to it's visitors and home owners.

Here are some of our concerns:

*Drastically increasing traffic on Highway

34, and this is already a very dangerous traffic area. In the winter this highway is sometimes extremely dangerous because of the ice, snow, visibility. Adding more traffic to this highway is dangerous. Adding drivers who are more likely to be under the influence of marijuana is a danger, too.

*With increase of traffic comes pollution: noise and air pollution. We came to Grand Lake to enjoy the decrease in noise and air pollution. Our town has said no to many establishments like Starbucks, McDonalds, etc. Because those types of establishments would introduce too much "city-like" attention to our small mountain town. We think a marijuana store would do the same.

*Noise pollution will exist in a much greater capacity because of the ins and outs of the people who will be frequenting this retail store. More people = more noise.

*The increase in crime around such facilities is an issue, too. We have a very safe community another reason people come visit and (sometimes) stay here. Increasing crime puts a strain on our police system - that us taxpayers pay for!

*Another reason is the increase in emergency/hospital visits...again using our taxpayer money for services.

*Residential areas are no places for marijuana stores. I'm not necessarily opposed to the legality of marijuana - I am opposed to placing it in a residential area where kids play, families walk, and

we enjoy our quiet "residential" life. There are better locations - away from homes, away from the peaceful community we love that is Grand Lake. Lastly, our property value will plummet and us being able to sell our property when we'd like will be negatively influenced if a retail marijuana store is literally around the corner.

Please read the following findings put together by the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. Please pay special attention to the increase in traffic fatalities and the increase in emergency room/hospitals sections.

These are some statistics that we cannot ignore.

[http://www.in.gov/ipac/files/August_2014_Legalization_of_MJ_in_Colorado_the_Impact\(1\).pdf](http://www.in.gov/ipac/files/August_2014_Legalization_of_MJ_in_Colorado_the_Impact(1).pdf)

Thank You,
Leslie and Rick Durant