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Subject: **Objection to Licensing**

Dear BOCC's and Grand County Clerk:

Please note that I vehemently oppose granting the license for a cannabis retail shop within easy walking distance of the heart of Winter Park and less than two miles from my home where I have lived quietly and happily since 1977. Serene Wellness already has a retail location in Fraser. One is enough. Allowing another at the gateway to Winter Park is ill advised.

Instead of cerulean blue skies, snow-capped mountain peaks, breathtaking views, and wholesome outdoor recreation, Winter Park, my chosen home for over 45 years, is now associated with clouds of sick, sweet-smelling marijuana and the collateral damages that come with selling it to some individuals who come to the valley to buy drugs, legal drugs, but drugs none the less, and then carelessly and with blatant disregard for others, act irresponsibly with their freedoms to do so as they smoke publically.

When I travel and mention where I live, people now ask what it's like to live in a place where drugs are sold, not comment as they used to on how drop dead gorgeous our natural surroundings are, how lucky I am to live in this spectacular mountain valley.

The Winter Park Town Council refused to okay retail cannabis shops with the majority of its citizens' backing, in 2010 for medical use and in 2013 for recreational use. The Valley Hi Motel sits in unincorporated Grand County, not Winter Park, which surrounds it. Surely county taxes collected cannot be worth destroying the image of our inviting, wholesome summer and winter recreations associated with the town. Just because something is legal... within the law, does not make it ethical to approve when there is so much opposition from those impacted to granting the retail license to sell cannabis in Winter Park.

I **NEVER** would have chosen to live and raise my family in a pot selling community, **never** exposed my two children nor my three young grand daughters (who ski every weekend among those who "use" and then ski or snowboard high and smoke on chairlifts) to a "recreation" I am adamantly opposed to living amongst and creating an opening for other drugs when it directly impacts my life and those I care about because some users are careless about their responsibilities in using privately, not in public.

Serene Wellness already has a retail cannabis store front just three miles down the road in Fraser. That is more than enough.

Please... deny this license for yet another unnecessary and unwanted cannabis retail store front on this end of our breathtaking valley with its natural, wholesome attractions. One is enough. More than enough. Thank you, BOCC's for assuring our continued, unparalleled quality of life.

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