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102. WYNE, Mary unknown
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2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 6:16 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 28, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Sincerely,

Ms. Taylor andrade
PO Box 1781
Homer, AK 99603-1781
(907) 299-0419

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Mr. Lesley Baker
36530 Frazier Rd.
Soldotna, AK 99669

No to marijuana.

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2015-02

No to marijuana.

Teresa Baker [teresa@alaska.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 6:06 PM

To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako

Cc: bob.baker1@halliburton.com

" I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf."

Ordinance 2015-02

Julia Barrett [juliakilpin@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 3:06 PM

To: Navarre, Mike; Haggerty, Mako; Wolf, Kelly

Cc: Thompson, Colette; Blankenship, Johni; Cooper, Kelly; Johnson, Brent; McClure, Sue; Welles, Stan; Bagley, Dale; Ogle, Wayne; Gilman, Blaine

Mayor Navarre and Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members:

We are writing to urge you to speak out against the proposed ordinance 2015-02 "Prohibiting the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities in the Area of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Outside of Cities, Subject to Voter Approval".

Alaska Ballot Measure 2 passed on November 4, 2014 showing that a majority of the citizens in the State of Alaska support the legalization and regulation of marijuana. It is the intention of the Ballot Measure 2 supporters to have a regulated industry, inclusive of growers and retailers. Please consider the recent actions of other area governments. The Mat-Su Borough held a successful public forum last night on the matter. The Anchorage Assembly has all ready voted against an ordinance that would have banned selling commercial marijuana in the Municipality.

We feel the proposed ordinance is attempting to take "the easy way out", rather than having an open dialog with interested citizens. The residents in favor of Ballot Measure 2 are being dismissed before having a chance to work with or even review the laws the State is tasked to shortly establish.

We strongly feel that the Borough may throw away serious economic revenue and opportunities by establishing a blanket Borough wide ordinance. It would be a shame to deny the residents of our Borough, and for that matter the Borough itself, from the very real possibility of significant financial earnings from a new market. We should not rush through this legislation, potentially giving away revenue that could be put toward the expenditures of the Borough.

The fact that there is very little zoning in the Borough, outside of city limits, indicates that the voters in these areas want few government restrictions on their land or their individual, private rights. We bought land and chose to live outside of city limits 16 years ago because there were very few restrictions/covenants. We intend for it to continue as such.

Please speak out against Ordinance 2015-02, regardless of your personal views on the subject. We, as your constituents, feel this is not the time to be hasty with any legislation concerning marijuana. It is the time to open a meaningful, intelligent, professional and respectable dialog concerning Ballot Measure 2.

Thank-you,
Julia and Brian Barrett
54545 Winchester Ave
Homer, AK 99603

Feb 24 Ordinance

Becky [becky.bcre8iv@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:05 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf.

Becky

36393 Lakeshore Drive

Soldotna, AK 99669

Becky.BCre8iv@gmail.com

www.becky.photoshelter.com

2015-02

Marijuana Ordinance

Steve & Cheryl Beeson [akbeesons@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:06 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dear Dale,

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Steve Beeson
Cheryl Beeson
35277 Kenai Spur Hwy
Soldotna, Ak 99669

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 7:31 AM
To: Havrilla, Brion
Subject: Fwd: Marijuana Ordinance

Public comment for laydown

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wolf, Kelly" <kwolf@kpb.us>
Date: February 20, 2015 at 3:15:12 AM AKST
To: "Blankenship, Johni" <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
Subject: Fwd: Marijuana Ordinance

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steve & Cheryl Beeson <akbeesons@gmail.com>
Date: February 19, 2015 at 8:03:48 PM AKST
To: <Kwolf@kpb.us>
Subject: Marijuana Ordinance

Dear Kelly,

Thank you for introducing the ordinance prohibiting the commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula. We support your ordinance and will be urging all assembly members to vote in favor of it.

Steve Beeson
Cheryl Beeson
35277 Kenai Spur Hwy
Soldotna, Ak 99669

Blankenship, Johni

From: Derek Black <standinginthegap@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:29 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

I was at the public hearing tonight and just wanted to add my voice at least via email.

I am FOR the Initiative 2015-02 that seeks to bring the commercialization of marijuana ban to a vote.

I firmly believe this is a significant enough issue (as evidenced by tonight's voices) that deserves the vote of the people later this fall.

Thank you,
Derek Black
373 W. Vine Ave.
Soldotna

Blankenship, Johni

From: ckbong@alaska.net
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 4:00 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni

My wife and I are against the initiative proposal 2015-02, to legalize marijuana commercial farming on the Kenai peninsula.

Carmal Bongiovanni
Kathleen Bongiovanni

Kelly Wolf Ordinance

Julie's Ideas [juliesideas@alaska.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:06 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dale, we would appreciate your support for Kelly's ordinance to prevent marijuana growth in the Boro.

Thank you.

Lee and Julie Bowman

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

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To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 27, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Sincerely,

Mr. Dustin broussard
PO Box 7626
Nikiski, AK 99635-7626
(608) 556-7051

2015-02

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Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 12:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Hugh Brown
1250 E 8th Ave
Apt 1045
Anchorage, AK 99501-3937

2015-02

Please support local cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 5:41 PM

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Sincerely,

Mr. Denman Byram
PO Box 1577
33155 Rebsselaer Ln
Soldotna, AK 99669-1577
(907) 262-7718

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Mr. Freddy Camarena
45945 Big Eddy Rd
Soldotna, AK 99669-6966
(907) 240-9282

2015-02

cliff chamberlin [fishhardalaska@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 7:58 PM

To: Gilman, Blaine; Haggerty, Mako; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; swells@kpb.us; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Blankenship, Johni

I am AGAINST the passage of Initiative 2015-02.

Blankenship, Johni

From: Al Chong <alaskanchongs@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 8:17 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: I am against initiative 2015-2

I, Alvin Chong, residing at 41-710 Stone Court, Soldotna, Alaska 99669 am against the commercial growing of pot anywhere on the Kenai Peninsula ...

Subject:

FW: I Am TOTALLY AGAINST commercial production of MARIJUANA on the Kenai Peninsula

From: Bernellie L Kishaba**Sent:** Tuesday, February 24, 2015 4:34 PM**To:** 'kwolf@borough.kenai.ak.us'; 'bgilman@kpb.us'; 'wogle@borough.kenai.ak.us'; 'dbagley@borough.kenai.ak.us'; 'swelles@kpb.us'; 'smcclure@borough.kenai.ak.us'; 'bjohnson@borough.kenai.ak.us'; 'kellycooper@kpb.us'; 'mhaggerty@borough.kenai.ak.us'**Cc:** Al Chong; bunnychong**Subject:** I Am TOTALLY AGAINST commercial production of MARIJUANA on the Kenai Peninsula

Dear Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I WILL BE ATTENDING TONIGHT'S BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MEETING SO I AM SENDING THIS TO YOU NOW - FROM WORK - SINCE I WON'T BE AT HOME TONIGHT and will be UNABLE to send this to you from home.

Allowing MARIJUANA TO BE SMOKED, GROWN, PRODUCED, DISTRIBUTED, OR PURCHASED HERE => CONTRIBUTES TO ENDANGERING OUR SAFETY -- ESPECIALLY IF THEY SMOKE AND THEN GET IN THE CAR AND DRIVE!!!

I hope something can be done to DEFEAT THIS . I TOTALLY SUPPORT THE ORDINANCE INTRODUCED BY ASSEMBLYMAN KELLY WOLF AND HOPE YOU ALL TAKE A STAND WITH HIM AND KEEP OUR KENAI PENINSULA SAFE!!!!

**ALOHA and MAHALO,
BUNNY**

**Bernellie L. Kishaba Chong
PO Box 3745
41715 Stone Court
Soldotna, Alaska**

NO to Commercial Pot growing here!

Allen and Petra Clinton [loghomenut@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 7:44 PM

To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; McClure, Sue; Bjohansen@kpb.us; Welles, Stan; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; alaskaloghaven@yahoo.com

An open letter to the Borough Assembly,

It has come to my attention that an ordinance to stop (before it starts) the establishment of commercial Pot growing here on the Peninsula will be voted on soon. (the 24th)

Please add my name to those who voted against legalization in the first place, along with a majority of the voters from the Kenai Peninsula.

I wish to stringently oppose Commercial Pot Growing where I live, work and subsist as a resident.

Since legalization ultimately passed, it seems reasonable to at the very least keep some of the undesirable aspects of this short sighted measure at arms length. Keeping the commercial pot growers out of our communities is of significant value to me.

As a resident of Clam Gulch I am witness to the debilitating influence of this now legalized intoxicant.

The very properties which have been argued and lauded for medicinal use have the opposite effects in healthy bodies and minds.

I have absolutely NO interest in benefiting by "supposed" new tax revenue and I do not respect anyone's vapid reasoning that this should be a financial tool to fund schools, services or others jobs.

I strongly suggest you take the time (and no doubt the flak), necessary to pass this ordinance which will stop those who are pushing Marijuana Commercial Exploitation into our community.

My sincere regards,

Gene Allen Clinton
PO Box 438
Clam Gulch AK 99568
907-398-0073

2015-02

Please support local cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

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Sincerely,

Mr. yeeshkah condon
PO Box 2645
Homer, AK 99603-2645

2015-02

Vote tomorrow

Sue Crane [susieq549@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 5:50 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Hi Dale, We really support not permitting Marijuana grow operations in our borough. As a parents, grandparents, teacher, and a old duo who grew up in the 60's, this just isn't what we want do in our society here. Please consider carefully your vote, and all of us that voted not to legalize.
Steve & Sue Crane

02015-02

Greg and Katie Crawford [gakcrawford@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 2:09 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dear Dale Bagley,

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support ordinance 02015-02 introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf. I would like to ask that you represent my interests as a Peninsula resident.

Best regards,

Greg Crawford

503 Pine

Kenai Alaska

Blankenship, Johni

From: Melissa Daugherty <melissa_daugherty@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: We are AGAINST the passage of Initiative 2015-02"

I am **AGAINST** the passage of Initiative 2015-02"

Melissa Daugherty
PO Box 148
Sterling, Alaska 99672
(907) 252-5909

Sent from my iPad

02015-02

From the Desk of:

Ruby Denison

64955 Alice Avenue & Box 39334

Ninilchik, Alaska 99639

907-5677-4388 or 9077-598-1191

February 24, 2015

Hi There Dale,

Please vote **YES** on Ordinance # 2015-02. We in the rural areas of the Borough should have the same privileges and responsibilities as the city residents. This new state law is so screwed up, we really can't guess what will happen in the next 1 to 2 years with the Ballot 2 initiative.

But, just as city residents get a second vote on the issue, so should the non-city areas. This is a reasonable ordinance and should be supported.

Thanks,



Copy to Clerk for Public Comments roster ... Thanks

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Dodge
PO. Box 2532
Homer, AK 99603-2532
(907) 299-3677

RECALL KELLY WOLF PETITION - Please vote NO on O2015-02

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 6:11 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 26, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

Dear Assembly member Bagley,

This is an automated petition email. But figured I could use it. I just filed a petition with the Borough Clerk's Office for the immediate Recall of Kelly Wolf. The people of this community deserve fair, just, and competent representation, and I believe Mr. Wolf has failed to provide us with that. I hope to hear back from any and all Assembly Members regarding this petition.

Thank You For Your Time

In November, 53% of Alaskans voted to end marijuana prohibition. Beginning Feb24th, adults 21 and up will be able to legally use and possess marijuana, a substance objectively safer than alcohol. What a breath of fresh air!

But our city is already considering O2015-02, a misguided ban on marijuana cultivation centers here in Kenai. The Assembly is right to begin considering reasonable regulations on marijuana businesses and to discuss the right approach for "Alaska's Playground." But that should not include a premature ban on certain marijuana businesses.

There are many benefits to regulating and taxing the production of marijuana. But prime among them is to wrest control of the marijuana market from criminal enterprises and ensure that profits are going to licensed, accountable businesses in the borough -- not to mention the tax revenue for state and local coffers! Please do not act rashly. I urge you to vote against a ban on licensed marijuana businesses.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chase Duncan
PO Box 472
51627 Ariels Ln.
Kasilof, AK 99610-0472
(907) 953-9459

2015-02

Please support local cultivation centers

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Dykstra
45202 holy-lamplight rd
Kenai, AK 99611
(907) 398-9911

Blankenship, Johni

From: Brenda Edens <mbedens@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 6:01 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: 2015-02

I'm writing you to ask you not to vote for having Marijuana grown commercially here on the Peninsula. Although legal in Alaska, I would like to help protect the Peninsula from increased problems with the farming of marijuana.

Thank you,
Brenda Edens

Blankenship, Johni

From: Tom - cleta Elefritz <t_celefritz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 3:29 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

We are voters here on the Kenai Peninsula.

We are strongly OPPOSED to this initiative and wish to share with the Assembly that if they pass this initiative we will definitely work to oppose their re-election every time they run.

DO NOT PASS THIS INITIATIVE ANY FARTHER.

Sincerely
Thomas W. Elefritz
Cleta Elefritz

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Ps. 118:24

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 3:11 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 26, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Respectfully

Tom Fazzini
Anchorage AK

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Fazzini
15843 Bridgeview Dr
Anchorage, AK 99516-7507
(907) 522-1788

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How can the people vote yes for something and then possibly be over turned.

I thought America was for the people by the people.

Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Fischer
32690 Strauss Ct
Soldotna, AK 99669
(907) 887-1210

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 7:32 AM
To: Havrilla, Brion
Subject: Fwd: Commercial Marijuana

Public comment for laydown

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wolf, Kelly" <kwolf@kpb.us>
Date: February 16, 2015 at 4:24:37 PM AKST
To: "Blankenship, Johni" <JBlankenship@kpb.us>
Subject: Fwd: Commercial Marijuana

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Fox <alaskan.fox@juno.com>
Date: February 16, 2015 at 3:58:05 PM AKST
To: "Kwolf@kpb.us" <Kwolf@kpb.us>
Subject: Commercial Marijuana

Thank you for sponsoring the ordinance making commercial growth of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula illegal. My husband and I are both opposed to commercialized growing of marijuana here on the peninsula. Keep up the good work.

Jon & Linda Fox
262-4996
Soldotna, Ak 99669

Sent from my iPad

How Old Men Tighten Skin
63 Year Old Man Shares DIY Skin Tightening Method You Can Do From Home
<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3141/54e2921eacba4121d1dd2st02duc>

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Sincerely,

Mr. Chris Francis
PO Box 724
Sterling, AK 99672-0724
(602) 614-4665

ordinance to ban commercial marijuana production

Danielle Gabriel [daniellegabriel12@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 4:04 PM

To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako

Dear Borough Assembly Members,

I, Danielle Gabriel, a resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough send you this email in support of the ordinance proposed by Assemblyman Wolf to ban the commercial production of marijuana on the peninsula.

I was shocked and disappointed when Alaskans voted to legalize marijuana in our state. I believe this legalization will lead to many problems in our community and I certainly hope that commercial production will not be permitted. Please consider this email and others like it as you vote on this important issue.

I thank you for your time.

Suzanne (Danielle) Gabriel

PO Box 2900

Kenai, AK 99611

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Mr. Virgil Gattenby
36454 Ravenwood St
Kenai, AK 99611-5913
Work

Blankenship, Johni

From: Gil Glover <falconboat@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 5:39 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

As a resident of the Kenai Peninsula, I would encourage you to vote against Initiative 2015-02. Legalization of marijuana did not receive support from the voters in this area. As you well know, legalization of cultivation of marijuana will bring unintended consequences, some of which we cannot even imagine at this time. Since the fate of commercial operations will be determined by our local elected officials, let's move cautiously, see how communities around the United States that allow cultivation work out the problems. I'm sure you view your responsibility as an elected official the same as I do, that of developing and implementing policies that are beneficial to society, and respectful of the wishes of local residents. Let's keep this potential problem off the Kenai Peninsula. I suspect in a few short years, the community will be very thankful we did not jump on the bandwagon and allow commercial production of marijuana. Section 17.38.110 of the act grants you the authority to set the regulatory process. Let's not leave it up to the initiative process later this fall, make it clear now that commercial marijuana operations are not welcome on the Kenai Peninsula.

Thank you,

Gil Glover
Sterling, Alaska

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Mr. Chase Griffith
54200 Leonard Dr
Kenai, AK 99611-9214
(907) 980-7584

RE: An opportunity!

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RE: An opportunity!

Sara Hadfield [sehadfield@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 10:27 PM

To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Representative.Kurt.Olson@akleg.gov; Navarre, Mike

Dear Representative Olson, Mayor Navarre, and members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf.

Regards,

Sara Hadfield
35920 Ryan Lane
Soldotna, AK 99669

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Mr. Lloyd Hamilton
PO Box 2118
Homer, AK 99603-2118
(907) 299-4974

Blankenship, Johni

From: richard pinewood <pinewood409@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 2:14 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Feb 24 assembly meeting comment

To the members of the KPB Assembly:

Please do not hinder economic development in the KPB by prematurely banning commercial marijuana grows until the October public vote on the issue. The attempts by local and state governments to ignore and disrespect the will of its citizens is offensive, disgusting and appalling.

Furthermore, please give each local community the right to decide this issue. A borough wide ballot may not accurately reflect the will of a specific community. Each community should be granted the power to decide for themselves whether commercial grows or sales should be allowed.

Please approach marijuana legalization with an open, progressive thinking mind.

Sincerely,

Dan Hawksworth
Hope, Alaska

2015-02

Marijuana on the KP

Terri Hibbard [terri@arcticbarnabas.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 12:18 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dear Assemblyman Bagley,

We are opposed to the commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula and we support the ordinance related to this issue proposed by Assemblyman Wolf.

Thank you for your work on our behalf,

Jim & Terri Hibbard
33125 Belaire Dr
Soldotna, AK 99669
847/997-2999

2015-02

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Sincerely,
Michele Holley
345 Lingonberry Lane
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Sincerely,

Ms. Michele Holley
345 Lingonberry Ln
Soldotna, AK 99669-8039
(907) 229-4650

From: Charlie Howard <alaskaswiftwaterresources@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: public commnet on Marijuana grows in KPB
Attachments: Public comment to the Assembly.pdf

Hello,

My name is Michael Howard and I would like to submit this public comment for tonights hearing on commercial marijuana grows. I'm sorry I can't attend in person but do appreciate this letter being passed on to all assembly members and being made viewable to the public.

If you could please confirm you have received this letter(attached) that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time and service.

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Michael Howard
P.O. Box 172
Hope, AK 99605
Phone: (907)-947-0550
Fax: (907)-782-3457
Email: alaskaswiftwaterresources@gmail.com

Public comment relating to the Assembly's consideration of "[a]n Ordinance Enacting KPB Chapter 10.14 Prohibiting the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities in the Area of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Outside of the Cities, Subject to Voter Approval."

Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough,

My name is Michael Howard and I am a 13 year resident and land owner in Hope, Alaska.

I am unable to attend this evening's meeting - but request that you accept my written statement below as a public comment on the proposed ordinance entitled "Enacting KPB Chapter 10.14 Prohibiting the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities in the Area of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Outside of the Cities, Subject to Voter Approval." I ask that you not approve the proposed ordinance. Please consider my comments below in your deliberations.

Marijuana Cultivation jobs-

The biggest challenge of living in Hope — is the absence of jobs and industry. In my time in Hope, I have seen too many upstanding families come and go. Not because Hope isn't an amazing community — but because there are too few ways to make a living in town. The loss of these families hurts us as a community in Hope and poses a special challenge for our school which is always struggling to meet enrollment numbers.

The average commercial marijuana cultivation operation in the States of Washington or Colorado employs an average of 5-8 people. There are currently 4 jobs available in Hope this winter; postmaster, store clerk, teacher, and school assistant/janitor. Accordingly, if just one marijuana cultivation operation was permitted in Hope — it would likely double the number of available local jobs.

If you support this ordinance, do you have a viable alternative that is likely to create the same number of jobs? Can you explain for the record what the objective is in prohibiting marijuana cultivation facilities outside of the borough's cities? Existing jobs in the borough are largely in the cities. Why restrict jobs where they're needed most? Why not permit cultivation operations that are not opposed by neighboring land owners and are not in conflict with community standards?

We saw great opportunities in Hope when Ballot Measure No. 2 was approved by the electorate. An opportunity for a viable and legal industry in town, an opportunity for us to work in our community, and an opportunity for us to succeed in Hope. These opportunities depend on marijuana cultivation being permitted. We see no reason why you should deny us the opportunities others will be afforded across the rest of the state.

Local commerce -

Why send jobs and profits out of local communities? Why create a situation where the borough's future retail marijuana establishments will likely have to purchase marijuana from outside the borough? Why not resolve potential issues inherent in a regulated marijuana industry with zoning and other appropriate land use regulation?

Instead of prohibiting marijuana cultivation, why not tax its cultivation — so that in this time of dropping oil prices and reduced economic activity in the state — the borough can strengthen its tax base, raise revenue, and provide better services to all communities in the borough? Don't punish the people in the unincorporated communities of the borough by restricting the opportunity to participate in a licensed and regulated industry.

Local residents voted for Ballot Measure No. 2-

The residents of Hope, Moose Pass, Coopers Landing, and Bear Creek voted strongly in favor of the Ballot Measure No. 2. Smoking Marijuana was not the issue on the ballot. Creating a regulated system for the growing, production, and retail sale of Marijuana was what we voted for. We want to establish an industry and create jobs.

Let communities decide -

Create a safe industry and achieve your policy objectives through zoning and regulation. If the residents of a particular town or settlement desire that marijuana cultivation operations not be permitted in their community - establish a means for that community to opt out.

What you should do -

The Assembly should embrace the potential for a budding industry to develop in the borough. A local industry, one with a regulated system of growers, producers, and retailers. A system under which licenses are awarded under a merit system - a system that treats residency in the borough as one source of merit, as was proposed by the State of Alaska Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

I appreciate your consideration of these points and I respectfully request that you not pass this ordinance in its present form.

Michael Howard

PO Box 172

Hope Alaska, 99605

2015-02

Marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula

Cynthia Ingraham [heminger.mom@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 8:31 AM

To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako

I am asking that you would please pass the ordinance proposed by Assemblyman Wolf. This issue is very important to me, as my kids and I lived for many years with a man that was addicted to marijuana, and all of the side effects that come with that addiction. (I know there is a popular opinion out there that marijuana is not addictive...but I am here to tell you that IS NOT TRUE! All of my kids are in their 20's and they all struggle with anxiety and / or depression from the effects of having a father that was more interested in spending time with his addiction and his addicted friends than with them.) I am afraid for my kids and grandkids future if we don't sincerely consider the negative consequences of marijuana growth and usage very seriously.

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Cynthia Ingraham

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Sincerely,

Ms. Ember Jackinsky
PO Box 39155
Ninilchik, AK 99639-0155

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Sincerely,

Miss Kelly Jackman
PO Box 3145
Homer, AK 99603-3145

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Ms. Julie Jenard
1125 Breanne Street
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Blankenship, Johni

From: Bob Jensen <rjensen@alaska.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 11:59 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Commercial production of Marijuana on the Kenai Penonsula

I AM AGAINST THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF MARIJUANA ON THE KENAI PENINSULA.

PLEASE DO NOT PASS "INITIATIVE 215.02 *02/05-02*

PLEASE COPY TO ALL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

THANK YOU.

**ROBERT F JENSEN
P. O. BOX 107
STERLING, AK 99672
(907)262-4057**

Havrilla, Brion

From: Blankenship, Johni
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 7:31 AM
To: Havrilla, Brion
Subject: Fwd: Ordinance 2015-2

Public comment for laydown

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Barbara Jewell <bjewell@gci.net>
Date: February 18, 2015 at 2:19:52 PM AKST
To: <kwolf@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <bgilman@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <wogle@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <dbagley@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <swelles@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <smcclure@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <bjohnson@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <kellycooper@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <mhaggerty@borough.kenai.ak.us>, <jblankenship@borough.kenai.ak.us>
Subject: Ordinance 2015-2

Assembly Members: I am a long time Kenai Peninsula resident and I see changes to our wonderful area, some not the best for our youth. I urge you to support Ordinance 2015-2 which would allow voters on the October 6, 2015 ballot to decide whether they would approve banning commercial cultivation of marijuana in areas outside city limits on the Kenai Peninsula. Currently, many residents are unaware that marijuana growing facilities could be established in the near future. My feeling is that voters on the Kenai Peninsula should decide this issue - let the voters make that decision in October! Thank you for considering my request. Sincerely, Barbara Jewell

Kelly Johnson,
Soldotna AK.

References for my presentation are attached

DRUG SCHEDULING**Drug Schedules***Drug Enforcement
Administration*

Drugs, substances, and certain chemicals used to make drugs are classified into five (5) distinct categories or schedules depending upon the drug's acceptable medical use and the drug's abuse or dependency potential. The abuse rate is a determinate factor in the scheduling of the drug; for example, Schedule I drugs are considered the most dangerous class of drugs with a high potential for abuse and potentially severe psychological and/or physical dependence. As the drug schedule changes-- Schedule II, Schedule III, etc., so does the abuse potential-- Schedule V drugs represents the least potential for abuse. A Listing of drugs and their schedule are located at Controlled Substance Act (CSA) Scheduling or CSA Scheduling by Alphabetical Order. These lists describes the basic or parent chemical and do not necessarily describe the salts, isomers and salts of isomers, esters, ethers and derivatives which may also be classified as controlled substances. These lists are intended as general references and are not comprehensive listings of all controlled substances.

Please note that a substance need not be listed as a controlled substance to be treated as a Schedule I substance for criminal prosecution. A controlled substance analogue is a substance which is intended for human consumption and is structurally or pharmacologically substantially similar to or is represented as being similar to a Schedule I or Schedule II substance and is not an approved medication in the United States. (See 21 U.S.C. §802(32) (A) for the definition of a controlled substance analogue and 21 U.S.C. §813 for the schedule.)

Schedule I

Schedule I drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. Schedule I drugs are the most dangerous drugs of all the drug schedules with potentially severe psychological or physical dependence. Some examples of Schedule I drugs are:

heroin, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), marijuana (cannabis),
3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy), methaqualone, and peyote

Schedule II

Schedule II drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with a high potential for abuse, less abuse potential than Schedule I drugs, with use potentially leading to severe psychological or physical dependence. These drugs are also considered dangerous. Some examples of Schedule II drugs are:

cocaine, methamphetamine, methadone, hydromorphone (Dilaudid), meperidine (Demerol),
oxycodone (OxyContin), fentanyl, Dexedrine, Adderall, and Ritalin

Schedule III

Schedule III drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence. Schedule III drugs abuse potential is less than Schedule I and Schedule II drugs but more than Schedule IV. Some examples of Schedule III drugs are:

Combination products with less than 15 milligrams of hydrocodone per dosage unit (Vicodin),
Products containing less than 90 milligrams of codeine per dosage unit (Tylenol with codeine),
ketamine, anabolic steroids, testosterone

Schedule IV

Schedule IV drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with a low potential for abuse and low risk of dependence. Some examples of Schedule IV drugs are:

Xanax, Soma, Darvon, Darvocet, Valium, Ativan, Talwin, Ambien

Schedule V

Schedule V drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with lower potential for abuse than Schedule IV and consist of preparations containing limited quantities of certain narcotics. Schedule V drugs are generally used for antidiarrheal, antitussive, and analgesic purposes. Some examples of Schedule V drugs are:

cough preparations with less than 200 milligrams of codeine or per 100 milliliters (Robitussin AC), Lomotil, Motofen, Lyrica, Parepectolin



List of Schedule 1 Drugs

Schedule I drugs are those that have the following characteristic according to the United States Drug Enforcement Agency:

- The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.
- The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical ☒ treatment use in the U.S.
- There is a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug or substance under medical supervision.

No prescriptions may be written for Schedule I substances, and they are not readily available for clinical use.

NOTE: Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC, marijuana) is still considered a Schedule 1 drug by the DEA, even though some U.S. states have legalized marijuana for personal, recreational use or for medical use.

Read More: Marijuana: Effects, Medical Uses & Legalization

Drugs / Substances listed in DEA Schedule I include:

- Heroin (diacetylmorphine)
- LSD (Lysergic acid diethylamide)
- Marijuana (cannabis, THC)
- Mescaline (Peyote)
- MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine or "ecstasy")
- GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyric acid)
- Ecstasy (MDMA or 3,4-Methylenedioxymethamphetamine)
- Psilocybin
- Methaqualone (Quaalude)
- Khat (Cathinone)
- Bath Salts (3,4-methylenedioxypyrovalerone or MDPV)

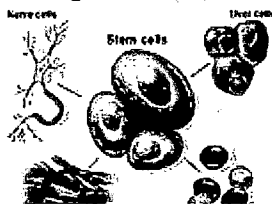
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- CSA Schedules

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Last updated: 2014-05-04 by Leigh Anderson, PharmD.

List of Schedule II drugs (US)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This is the **list of Schedule II drugs** as defined by the United States Controlled Substances Act.^[1] The following findings are required for drugs to be placed in this schedule:^[2]

1. The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse.
2. The drug or other substance has a currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States or a currently accepted medical use with severe restrictions.
3. Abuse of the drug or other substances may lead to severe psychological or physical dependence.

The complete list of Schedule II drugs follows.^[1] The Administrative Controlled Substances Code Number for each drug is included.

ACSCN	Class	Drug
9050	opiate	Codeine
9334	opiate	Dihydroetorphine
9190	opiate	Ethylmorphine
9059	opiate	Etorphine hydrochloride
9640	opiate	Granulated opium
9193	opiate	Hydrocodone
9150	opiate	Hydromorphone
9260	opiate	Metopon
9300	opiate	Morphine
9610	opiate	Opium extracts
9620	opiate	Opium fluid
9330	opiate	Oripavine
9143	opiate	Oxycodone
9652	opiate	Oxymorphone
9639	opiate	Powdered opium
9600	opiate	Raw opium
9333	opiate	Thebaine
9630	opiate	Tincture of opium
	opiate	Opium poppy and poppy straw
9040	stimulant	Coca, leaves and any salt, compound, derivative or preparation of coca leaves
9041	stimulant	Cocaine, and its salts, isomers, derivatives and salts of isomers and derivatives
9180	stimulant	Ecgonine, and its salts, isomers, derivatives and salts of isomers and derivatives
9670	opiate	Concentrate of poppy straw (the crude extract of poppy straw in either liquid, solid or powder form which contains the phenanthrene alkaloids of the opium poppy)
9737	opioid	Alfentanil
9010	opiate	Alphaprodine
9020	opioid	Anileridine
9800	opiate	Bezitramide
9273	opioid	Bulk dextropropoxyphene (non-dosage forms)
9743	opioid	Carfentanil
9120	opiate	Dihydrocodeine

ACSCN	Class	Drug
9170	opioid	Diphenoxylate
9801	opioid	Fentanyl
9226	opioid	Isomethadone
9648	opiate	Levo-alphaacetylmethadol
9210	opiate	Levomethorphan
9220	opiate	Levorphanol
9240	opioid	Metazocine
9250	opioid	Methadone
9254	opiate intermediate	Methadone intermediate: 4-cyano-2-dimethylamino-4,4-diphenyl butane
9802	opiate intermediate	Moramide intermediate: 2-methyl-3-morpholino-1,1-diphenylpropane-carboxylic acid
9230	opioid	Pethidine (meperidine)
9232	opiate intermediate	Pethidine intermediate A: 4-cyano-1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidine
9233	opiate intermediate	Pethidine intermediate B, ethyl-4-phenylpiperidine-4-carboxylate
9234	opiate intermediate	Pethidine intermediate C, 1-methyl-4-phenylpiperidine-4-carboxylic acid
9715	opiate	Phenazocine
9730	opiate	Piminodine
9732	opiate	Racemethorphan
9733	opiate	Racemorphan
9739	opiate	Remifentanyl
9740	opiate	Sufentanyl
9780	opiate	Tapentadol
1100	stimulant	Amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its optical isomers (Adderall)
1105	stimulant	Methamphetamine, its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers
1631	stimulant	Phenmetrazine and its salts
1724	stimulant	Methylphenidate (Ritalin, Concerta, etc.)
1205	stimulant	Lisdexamfetamine (Vyvanse), its salts, isomers, and salts of its isomers
2125	depressant	Amobarbital
2550	depressant	Glutethimide
2270	depressant	Pentobarbital
7471	depressant	Phencyclidine

ACSCN	Class	Drug
2315	depressant	Secobarbital
7379	hallucinogen	Nabilone
8501	precursor	Phenylacetone
7460	precursor	1-phenylcyclohexylamine
8603	precursor	1-piperidinocyclohexanecarbonitrile (PCC)
8333	precursor	4-anilino-N-phenethyl-4-piperidine (ANPP)

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BRAND	GENERIC	FUNCTION
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Oxycontin®	Oxycodone	Pain Relief
Concerta®	Methylphenidate	ADHD
Adderall®	Amphetamine + Dextroamphetamine	ADHD
Vyvanse®	Lisdexamfetamine	ADHD
Duragesic®	Fentanyl Patch	Pain Relief
Methadose®	Methadone	Opioid Recovery

SCH. III

BRAND	GENERIC	FUNCTION
Vicodin®	APAP + Hydrocodone	Pain Relief
Tylenol 3®	Codeine + APAP	Pain Relief
Suboxone®	Buprenorphine	Opioid Recovery
Tussionex®	Hydrocodone + Chlorpheniramine	Cough suppressant + Antihistamine

SCH. IV

BRAND	GENERIC	FUNCTION
Xanax®	Alprazolam	Benzodiazepine
Ambien®	Zolpidem	Sleep Aid
Klonopin®	Clonazepam	Benzodiazepine
Ativan®	Lorazepam	Benzodiazepine
Darvocet®	Propoxyphene + APAP	Pain Relief
Vallium®	Diazepam	Benzodiazepine
Restoril®	Temazepam	Sleep Aid
Adipex®	Phentermine	Appetite Suppressant
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Timeline: Notable moments in 40 years of Alaska's history with marijuana

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When men and women took their clipboards, pens and paper to the streets in 2013 to begin collecting signatures for yet another Alaska voter initiative to legalize marijuana in the Last Frontier, some were left scratching their heads. How legal is marijuana in Alaska already? they wondered. Well, it's complicated. Over time, a great deal of gray area has developed when it comes to the enforcement of Alaska laws against the green.

The uncertainty has even predated Alaska's statehood. Even the man mostly responsible for the nation's first laws against marijuana was uncertain about where Alaska's laws stood.

During testimony before members of Congress in 1937 on behalf of prohibiting marijuana, a substance "about as harmless as a rattlesnake," Commissioner of Narcotics Henry Anslinger was asked if any of the territories had laws against its use.

"Hawaii has a law. I cannot tell you about Alaska. Puerto Rico does have a law. The only place I am not sure about is Alaska," he said. By the 1960s the nation was deep into drug culture; the youth used it as a symbol of social rebellion, and in the midst of a morally diverse war, a sign of protest. Though Alaska was new to the nation, it was no exception to the phenomenon.

By 1970, the administration of President Richard Nixon began fighting back and Congress passed the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act. In June of the following year, Nixon declared the war on drugs, saying it was "public enemy No. 1 in the United States." It wouldn't take long for Alaska to start fighting

back, with one man leading on the front lines. His case would turn into the biggest marijuana and personal privacy case Alaska had ever seen, setting precedent for decades to come.

Since Colorado and Washington have made headlines recently by legalizing recreational cannabis sales, marijuana has become a hot topic in 2014. But the drug's use and place in society has been hotly debated in courts and among lawmakers for decades, leaving citizens as spectators watching an everlasting ping-pong match.

Regardless of Alaska's history with marijuana, and regardless of what happens in the August election, pot remains illegal under federal law, listed among Schedule I drugs, a group of controlled substances defined as the most dangerous, without any accepted medical utility and with high potential for abuse.

1972 - The fall of 1972 was the start of a long fight for and against marijuana legalization in Alaska thanks to one man, who could be called the grandfather of the Alaska marijuana legalization movement. Irwin Ravin was pulled over for a broken tail light in Anchorage, and was discovered to be in possession of marijuana. A local police officer wrote him a ticket, but Ravin refused to sign it and held the contraband in his hand until he was arrested. Ravin v. State would end up setting legal precedence for decades to come.

1975 - The Alaska Legislature voted for the decriminalization of the long-debated drug. If a person was in possession of one ounce or less in public, or in possession of any amount in the privacy of one's own home, he or she could not be fined more than \$100.

1975 - Just over a week after lawmakers decriminalized the personal use of marijuana, the state of Alaska reached a decision in Ravin's case, setting a precedent that would complicate laws against marijuana from then on. The Alaska Supreme Court deemed possession of pot in the privacy of one's home constitutionally protected, despite the fact that Ravin was actually found in possession in his car, not his home.

1982 - The Alaska Legislature decided to let users keep a little more cash in their pockets, and got rid of the \$100 fine.

1989 - A campaign to fight the use of marijuana began by circling a statewide petition.

1989 - Alaska State Troopers made a sizeable marijuana bust in Wasilla in December, where Thomas Wyatt, then 45, was found growing 2,006 plants in a residence troopers said was apparently constructed for the purposes of growing cannabis. The month before, troopers had seized 3,000 plants in four different growing operations in the Matanuska Valley.

1990 - In November of 1990 the voter initiative passed, making it illegal to even have or smoke pot in one's own home. If caught with less than eight ounces, a person could spend 90 days in a jail cell and get slapped with \$1,000 fine.

1995 - Three Point MacKenzie men were arrested and charged with poaching up to a dozen moose over the course of six months. One of the men was also charged with setting up illegal bear-baiting stations in the woods across the Knik Arm from Anchorage. Troopers said they believed the men intended to trade the bear parts to an undercover investigator in exchange for marijuana.

1996 - Troopers seized 1,465 plants, worth more than \$700,000, in a shed next to couple Doug and Heather Gregg's

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home. Trooper Al Storey said the bust was the largest in recent history.

1998 - The use of marijuana for medical purposes became legal, with 69 percent of voters signing off on a citizens' initiative. Those smoking for their own health and registered in a state database could possess an ounce or up to six plants, of which only three can be budding. Critics say a problem has been that there is no legal way for Alaskans with legal permission to obtain the drug.

1998 - In October, Anchorage police confiscated 1,097 plants during a bust on Birchwood Loop Road, the largest pot bust in Anchorage at that time.

1998 - Also that month, troopers found what they said was the most impressive growing and packaging operation they had ever seen hidden in four secret rooms beneath the garage of an Anchorage Hillside home. Troopers seized 181 plants and indicted seven people.

2000 - Weed was once again on the mind of Alaska residents. An initiative sought to return the laws to pre-1990 status. Measure 5 would have regulated the drug like alcohol, allowed residents over 18 to farm and possess their own supply, and would have granted amnesty to those serving time for marijuana offenses, and purged the criminal records for many others, and would have created an advisory group to study possible restitution. It failed to gain enough support, losing 59.1 percent to 40.9 percent.

2002 - At the Olympic Torch Relay in Juneau, a senior at Juneau-Douglas High School held a sign that said "Bong Hits 4 Jesus." Joseph Frederick's obvious disobedience became the focus of a national debate over the First Amendment.

2004 - Marijuana legalization failed once again in 2004. The campaign pushing Ballot Measure 2 spent more than \$850,000 in polling, canvassing, staffing, mailers and print and broadcast advertisements before it failed. A study commissioned by the Alaskans for Rights & Revenues, the group backing the initiative, found that marijuana prohibition costs ranged from \$25 million to \$30 million annually.

2005 - The killing of Thomas Cody was found to be a drug slaying connected to a multi-million dollar marijuana smuggling operation of "B.C. Bud" from Canada. Nopenone Dennis Shine plead guilty in 2007 to the shooting of Cody, in what was a hostile takeover of the operation. The group was smuggling 900 pounds of product into the state every six weeks, U.S. Attorney Frank Russo said. The bust dismantled one of the largest marijuana smuggling operations in state history.

2006 - Former Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski went head-to-head against the Ravin decision. Murkowski made the possession of one to four ounces of pot a misdemeanor and punishable by up to one year in jail. He argued that the marijuana available by the mid-2000's was much stronger than what Ravin was smoking in the 1970s. The American Civil Liberties Union challenged the new law.

2006 - One of the largest drug busts in Western Alaska occurred when troopers seized 42 pounds of marijuana in Bethel. Francis Cryan, then 57, was found to have marijuana hidden in his checked luggage, as well as in a locked gun safe he had shipped to himself through a cargo carrier. Troopers estimated that the street value in Bethel, nearly four times the price in Anchorage at \$1,400 an ounce, was worth around \$940,000.

2007 - The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Fairbanks man John Collette, whose marijuana grow operation was disbanded in the early 1990s, did not get proper notice for the goods seized in the bust, including two airplanes, snowmachines and more than \$40,000 from bank accounts. Collette's operation was seized in 1993 when authorities raided the home. He fled the country but later returned and pleaded guilty to multiple marijuana manufacturing and distributing charges, serving eight years of an 11-year sentence. After that, he said he spent much of his time working on lawsuits against the government.

2008 - Alaska's Supreme Court began hearing testimony for the State v. ACLU, but -- plot twist -- no decision was made. Privacy rights were to be reexamined when a defendant would actually be prosecuted for a marijuana offense.

2010 - The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race began testing competing mushers for drug use. Mushers are tested for a variety of different drugs, marijuana among them. The drug tests occur at White Mountain, the second-to-last checkpoint during the 1,000 mile long race.

2010 - Then-three-time race winner Lance Mackey said in 2010 that he believed the Iditarod decision was aimed at him. Mackey, a throat cancer survivor, had been open about using medical marijuana on the trail. Officials said the idea had been discussed over the years, but executive director of the Iditarod Trail Committee Stan Hooley told the Anchorage Daily News that it would be difficult to deny the allegations and that other mushers had complained about it. "The reality of it is he's won the race three times and people would like to figure out a way to beat him," Hooley said.

2010 - On April 11, Ravin died at age 70 from complications caused by a massive heart attack.

2010 - The ACLU estimates that in 2010 Alaska spent more than \$11 million enforcing marijuana laws, and that every 4.32 hours someone in Alaska is arrested for having marijuana. The study used data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reporting Program and the U.S. Census to document arrest rates, as well as the Bureau of Justice Statistics' Criminal Justice Expenditure and Employment Extracts data from fiscal year 2009. Also included in the analysis were federal and state-level estimates for government expenditures and employment for law enforcement, the courts and department of corrections.

2010 - In July, Alaska State Trooper Kyle S. Young busted a married couple for growing after attesting that he could smell marijuana from the road, hundreds of yards away. Young claimed that he smelled marijuana while off duty and driving in the Meadow Lakes area of Southcentral Alaska. He followed his nose to the house of Trace and Jennifer Thoms and concluded that there were no other nearby structures that could have been the source of the odor. Young later executed a search warrant to search the house's specific address and immediate vicinity, and during that time searched two buildings that were more than a football field's distance from the house, where 400 marijuana plants were seized. Three years later, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals would throw out the case, saying that the grow operation discovered during the search lay outside of the scope of the officer's search warrant.

2012 - A pungent smell and claims that Kenny Champ of Houston, Alaska, was illegally dumping raw sewage into a creek near Bench Lake led Alaska State Troopers to investigate Champ's home. When they arrived, the 49-year-old Champ greeted troopers with a sawed-off shotgun and threats that he'd shoot if they didn't leave his property. Next, troopers discovered 1,700 marijuana plants on the property. They also discovered that he had, indeed, been polluting the stream. Champ plead guilty to growing more than 1,000 plants.

2012 - Juneau musher Matt Giblin was sanctioned under the Iditarod's drug testing program and was stripped of his 38th-place finish after testing positive for THC, an active compound in cannabis.

2013 - Petitioners were once again looking for signatures to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana. The Campaign to Regulate Marijuana turned in more than 45,000 signatures in support of the ballot measure in January 2014.

2013 - 20-year-old Nathaniel Harshman was sentenced in January 2013 to five years in federal prison for working on his father Floyd Harshman's marijuana farm -- a 477-plant grow off the Elliott Highway in Interior Alaska -- as a teenager in 2011.

2014 - Lt. Gov. Mead Treadwell approved the voter initiative to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana, to appear on the Aug. 19 ballot.

2014 - In mid-March, the legalization campaign, now dubbed the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, received a cash infusion of more than \$200,000 dollars to be used for an "aggressive campaign" to build voter outreach, including print, television and radio ads. In the meantime, opposition to the measure has been relatively subdued thus far.

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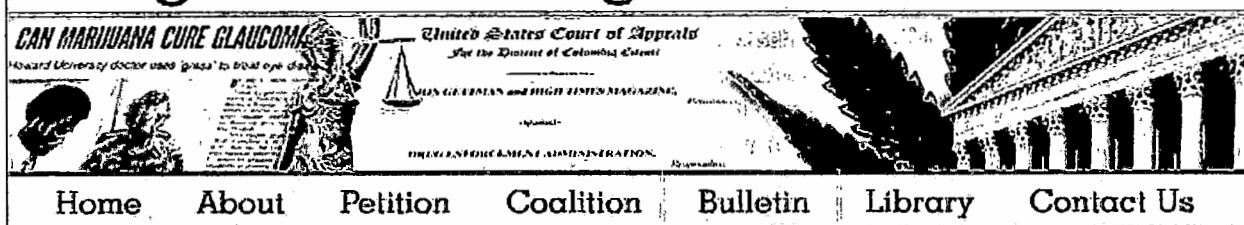
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Marijuana Production in the United States (2006) by Jon Gettman

Domestic Marijuana Production

American marijuana farmers grew 22.3 million pounds of marijuana in 2006 with a value of \$35.8 billion. These figures, which include marijuana seized by law enforcement, include 56.4 million marijuana plants cultivated outdoors worth \$31.7 billion and 11.7 million plants cultivated indoors worth \$4.1 billion. Five states (California, Tennessee, Kentucky, Hawaii and Washington) had marijuana crops worth over \$1 billion. The top ten outdoor producers are listed in Table 3, the top ten indoor producers are listed in Table 4, and the top ten overall producers are listed in Table 5.

Table 3. The Top Ten Outdoor Marijuana Producing States


	Plants	Production (lbs)	Value (\$1000s)
California	17,445,553	7,692,043	\$12,353,421
Tennessee	6,742,057	2,972,688	\$4,774,137
Kentucky	6,171,906	2,721,299	\$4,370,406
Hawaii	5,340,368	2,354,660	\$3,781,583
North Carolina	900,204	396,915	\$637,446
Washington	834,835	368,093	\$591,157
Alabama	797,955	351,832	\$565,042
West Virginia	672,200	296,385	\$475,994
Georgia	603,671	266,169	\$427,467
Arkansas	599,632	264,388	\$424,607


Table 4. The Top Ten Indoor Marijuana Producing States

	Plants	Production (lbs)	Value (\$1000s)
California	4,222,055	930,788	\$1,494,846
Washington	1,239,514	273,262	\$438,858
Florida	1,192,349	262,864	\$422,159
Oregon	595,925	131,377	\$210,991
Texas	524,729	115,681	\$185,784
Alaska	359,417	79,237	\$127,254
Indiana	301,991	66,577	\$106,922
Michigan	300,502	66,248	\$106,395
Kentucky	295,280	65,097	\$104,546
Ohio	248,962	54,886	\$88,146

Table 5. The Top Ten Marijuana Producing States

	Plants	Production (lbs)	Value (\$1000s)
California	21,667,609	8,622,831	\$13,848,267
Tennessee	6,779,093	2,980,853	\$4,787,250
Kentucky	6,467,186	2,786,396	\$4,474,952
Hawaii	5,447,131	2,378,196	\$3,819,383
Washington	2,074,349	641,354	\$1,030,015
North Carolina	998,512	418,588	\$672,253
Florida	1,434,745	369,740	\$593,802
Alabama	810,287	354,551	\$569,409
West Virginia	723,986	307,801	\$494,328
Oregon	967,307	295,126	\$473,972

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Most marijuana is produced for local, in-state use. In nine states, though, the percentage of all marijuana production is greater than the state's percentage share of annual marijuana users [21]. (See Table 6.) For example, California contains 13.25% of annual marijuana users in the United States according to the National Survey on Drug Use and Health but also accounts for 38.68% of the marijuana produced in the United States, a ratio of production to use of 2.92. On this basis California is considered an export state in which marijuana is produced both for in-state use and export to other states. The nine states that fit this criteria as exporting marijuana producers are Hawaii, Tennessee, Kentucky, California, West Virginia, Arkansas, Alabama, Washington, and, though just barely, Alaska.

Table 6. Marijuana Exporting States, Market Share is Greater than Share of Annual Use

	Annual % of all Users		Annual Production		Ratio of Production%	
	(1000s)	Users	(lbs)	% of all Production	to Use %	
Hawaii	124	0.49%	2,378,196	10.67%	21.92	
Tennessee	380	1.49%	2,980,853	13.37%	8.97	
Kentucky	367	1.44%	2,786,396	12.50%	8.68	
California	3,375	13.25%	8,622,831	38.68%	2.92	
West Virginia	144	0.57%	307,801	1.38%	2.44	
Arkansas	221	0.87%	271,211	1.22%	1.40	
Alabama	323	1.27%	354,551	1.59%	1.25	
Washington	637	2.50%	641,354	2.88%	1.15	
Alaska	84	0.33%	80,463	0.36%	1.09	



Youth Marijuana Use Rises Nearly 11 Percent in Colorado Since Medical Legalization


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A new report ([https://www.dropbox.com/s/qa6sh0dz8p3v5km/August 2014 Legalization of MJ in Colorado the Impact.pdf](https://www.dropbox.com/s/qa6sh0dz8p3v5km/August%202014%20Legalization%20of%20MJ%20in%20Colorado%20the%20Impact.pdf)) that analyzes the impact of medical and retail marijuana in Colorado found that youth marijuana use increased by nearly 11 percent since medical marijuana became legal in 2009. In addition, since retail marijuana began overall crime rose nearly 7 percent.

The Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (RMHIDTA) looks at the effects of the medical use since it was legalized in 2009 and retail use, since it was legalized in 2013, on several sectors of society: traffic fatalities, youth marijuana use, emergency room admissions related to the drug, marijuana related exposure, treatment, diversion of marijuana by mail, problems with THC extraction labs and other related data.

Since retail use was legalized, overall crime rose. In Denver, crime increased 6.7 percent from the first six months of 2013 to the first half of 2014.

Retail legalization also sparked other dangers. In 2013, there were 12 THC extraction lab explosions and in the first half of 2014, that amount more than doubled. In 2013, these labs caused 18 injuries and caused 27 injuries in the first half of 2014.

Marijuana trafficking also increased since its retail legalization. Highway seizures of Colorado marijuana destined to 40 other states jumped 397 percent from 2008 to 2013. The average pounds of Colorado pot seized that was on its way to other states rose 33.5 percent from 2005 to 2008 compared to 2009 to 2013. U.S. Mail parcel interceptions containing pot from Colorado going to 33 other states skyrocketed 1,280 percent from 2010 to 2013, with the number of pounds seized increasing by 762 percent from 2010 to 2013.

Since its medical use was legalized in 2009, youth marijuana use has jumped. In 2012, 10.47 percent of kids aged 12 to 17 in Colorado were considered current marijuana users, compared to 7.55 percent nationally. Ranking fourth in the nation, youth pot use was 39 percent higher than the national average. Drug related suspensions and expulsions have increased 32 percent from school year 2008/2009 to 2012/2013, with the vast majority involving marijuana.

Since medical legalization, impaired driving has skyrocketed. Traffic fatalities involving drivers testing positive for marijuana have increased by 100 percent between 2007 and 2012, with the majority of driving under the influence (DUI) arrests involving pot use and 25 to 40 percent the drug alone. Toxicology reports with positive marijuana results for DUIs increased 16 percent from 2011 to 2013.

Adult use has risen, as well. In 2012, 26.81 percent of college age students – ages 18 to 25 – were considered current pot users, compared to 18.89 percent nationally. Colorado, ranked third nationwide, was 42 percent higher than the national average. In 2012, 7.63 percent of adults aged 26 and over were considered current pot users, compared to 5.05 percent nationally. Colorado ranked seventh in the country for adult marijuana use, 51 percent higher than the national average. In 2013, 48.4 percent of Denver adults that were arrested tested positive for pot, a 16 percent increase from 2008.

Hospitals are also feeling the effects. From 2011 to 2013, there was a 57 percent increase in marijuana related emergency room visits. Hospitalizations related to marijuana have skyrocketed 82 percent between 2008 and 2013. In 2012, the Denver rate for pot-related emergency room visits was 45 percent higher than the rate in Colorado.

Colorado's rate of marijuana-related exposures is triple the national average, with pot-related exposures for children aged birth to five on average increasing 268 percent from 2006-2009 to 2010-2013. The number of pets poisoned from ingesting marijuana increased four-fold in the past six years.

Even though the majority of counties and cities in Colorado have banned the use of recreational marijuana, the state estimates annual revenue from the sale of it somewhere between \$65 million and \$128 million, making up .6 percent to 1.2 percent of all expected general fund revenue.

THC potency in marijuana has more than quadrupled with an average of 3.96 percent in 1995 to an average of 12.33 percent in 2013.

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Jurisdiction Wide								
29-100 Bear Creek	1450	601	345	256	1450	601	444	157
29-110 Cooper Landing	345	146	78	68	345	143	84	59
29-115 Funny River No. 1	824	317	157	160	824	319	174	145
29-120 Hope	175	69	49	20	175	68	57	11
29-130 Mackey Lake	1091	407	164	243	1091	409	239	170
29-140 Moose Pass	336	131	82	49	336	129	89	40
29-150 Nikiski	1823	779	350	429	1823	782	462	320
29-160 Salamatof	2064	922	419	503	2064	928	540	388
29-170 Seward-Lowell Point	1799	666	391	275	1799	670	528	142
29-180 Sterling No. 1	1722	632	265	367	1722	631	365	266
29-190 Sterling No. 2	1941	763	339	424	1941	767	441	326
District 29 - Absentee	0	2223	972	1251	0	2229	1370	859
District 29 - Question	0	271	182	89	0	269	193	76
District 29 - Early Voting	0	72	36	36	0	72	52	20
Total	13570	7999	3829	4170	13570	8017	5038	2979

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	HOUSE DISTRICT 30					Ballot Measure 2 - 13PSUM			
	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	Thornton, Shauna L. (DEM)	Olson, Kurt E. (REP)	Write-In Votes	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	YES	NO
Jurisdiction Wide									
30-200 Central	1943	697	157	537	3	1943	707	329	378
30-210 K-Beach	2599	1031	231	798	2	2599	1050	429	621
30-220 Kenai No. 1	2502	925	296	622	7	2502	950	514	436
30-230 Kenai No. 2	1368	518	147	368	3	1368	524	243	281
30-240 Kenai No. 3	1272	536	133	401	2	1272	552	247	305
30-250 Soldotna	4113	1543	389	1143	11	4113	1581	699	882
District 30 - Absentee	0	1877	545	1320	12	0	1989	873	1116
District 30 - Question	0	110	33	77	0	0	346	215	131
District 30 - Early Voting	0	28	9	19	0	0	28	9	19
Total	13797	7265	1940	5285	40	13797	7727	3558	4169

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	Ballot Measure 2 - 13PSUM				Ballot Measure 3 - 13MINW			
	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	YES	NO	Reg. Voters	Total Votes	YES	NO
Jurisdiction Wide								
31-300 Anchor Point	1707	710	330	380	1707	710	436	274
31-310 Diamond Ridge	997	434	282	152	997	433	342	91
31-320 Fox River	577	221	120	101	577	221	154	67
31-340 Funny River No. 2	1597	596	271	325	1597	591	338	253
31-350 Homer No. 1	2490	909	492	417	2490	920	673	247
31-360 Homer No. 2	2009	682	358	324	2009	686	475	211
31-370 Kachemak/Fritz Creek	1677	696	425	271	1677	697	504	193
31-380 Kasilof	2312	1003	564	439	2312	1002	658	344
31-390 Ninilchik	1217	481	243	238	1217	493	333	160
District 31 - Absentee	0	2452	1317	1135	0	2461	1703	758
District 31 - Question	0	282	193	89	0	275	227	48
District 31 - Early Voting	0	69	40	29	0	68	41	27
Total	14583	8535	4635	3900	14583	8557	5884	2673

Colorado's missing marijuana taxes

By Katie Lobosco

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Colorado is missing \$21.5 million in pot taxes.

Voters legalized retail marijuana (pot for everyone, not just medical patients) in 2012. And they were told the state would pull in \$33.5 million from two new taxes in the first six months of 2014. It turns out, the projections were way off. Here's why.

Pot smokers are still buying on the black market: The state thought more people would migrate out of the black market. But only 60% of people who want pot in Colorado this year will buy it through legal channels, according to an estimate from the Marijuana Policy Group.

One big reason: Legal pot costs a lot more than illegal pot -- mostly because of taxes and fees.

Legal retail marijuana is taxed more than 27%, so it's easily cheaper on the black market.

And there's more than one way smokers are scoring pot without paying taxes.

Some are likely procuring it under the table from medical marijuana patients who buy it on the up-and-up and then resell it illegally -- depriving the state of tax revenue.

Plus, any Coloradan over 21 can grow up to six plants for personal use. If they are selling it on the black market, that's even more tax revenue the state's missing out on.

More are buying medical marijuana: Medical marijuana is taxed far less than recreational pot, to the tune of 2.9%. On average one ounce of medical marijuana costs \$200, while the price of an ounce sold for recreational use is \$220, but prices vary widely.

And while Coloradans must visit a doctor to get a medical marijuana card, that currently costs just \$15. About 23% of the estimated marijuana users in Colorado (or 2% of the state population) have medical cards, according to the Marijuana Policy Group.

The state won't say how many more people got cards since retail pot was legalized, but the number is growing, according to state economist Larson Silbaugh.

Lawmakers were too optimistic in their revenue forecasts: State law requires the government to refund taxpayers if it collects more than expected.

Wanting to avoid returning money collected from retail marijuana sales, lawmakers made "rosier" projections, state lawmaker Jonathan Singer said recently.

To be fair, Colorado is in uncharted territory as the first state to legalize the drug for recreational purposes, and it's only been six months.

While lawmakers are examining the the tax structure, "it's too early to be worried," said state Rep. Dan Pabon.

Damage Control Needed for Colorado Youth Harmed by Marijuana

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Colorado's legalization of optional (miscalled "recreational") marijuana is a dangerous experiment at young people's expense, requiring damage control measures by state and local government as soon as possible.

That's the conclusion of a Centennial Institute Policy Brief by Dr. Christian Thurstone, MD, an adolescent substance abuse specialist with Denver Health and an assistant professor at the CU Medical School.

The Big Deal: How Marijuana Endangers Young People and What Policymakers Should Do presents the medically documented facts on health and addiction risks of today's high-potency marijuana products (many with five times the THC content of a generation ago) to babies in the womb, young children, teenagers, and users up to the age of 25.

Marijuana is addictive, contrary to popular belief, Dr. Thurstone explains – and it will hook one of every six users under the age of 18. The industry knows that, he adds, and targets them as sources of a lifelong income stream. Marijuana use in the United States is highest among people under 20, according to data cited in the policy brief, and "leakage" of the product to that age group is endemic in Colorado, despite the legal age limit of 21.

Thurstone notes that since the brain isn't fully developed until about age 25, younger users are especially vulnerable to marijuana's blighting effects and addictive properties. Teenage users are on course to lose 8 points of IQ by age 38. Cognitive and mental-health impairments afflict newborns whose mother has used marijuana.

The policy brief recommends six priorities for policymakers: (1) exercise the local option to ban retail sales of marijuana in counties and municipalities, (2) improve data collection on marijuana abuse, (3) further restrict marijuana packaging and serving sizes, (4) raise the minimum age for marijuana use, (5) expand early-intervention programs, and (6) follow the Swedish example of rigorously putting children first in drug policy.

"The legality of pot is a settled question for now, but protecting our kids is very much an open question," said John Andrews, Centennial Institute director and former Senate president. "Dr.

Thurstone's damage control agenda not only lays out priorities for the legislature next year. It also offers a priority for voters this fall, in terms of the local-option ban.

"Our institute doesn't take sides in elections," Andrews stated, "but I personally welcome the opportunity for Lakewood citizens to ban retail sales under Ballot Question 2A. Eleven hundred students here at CCU, most of them under 21, don't need this poison being peddled nearby. None of the community's children need that."

Centennial Institute is a nonpartisan public policy think tank based at Colorado Christian University and established in 2009. *The Big Deal: How Marijuana Endangers Young People and What Policymakers Should Do*, Centennial Institute Policy Brief No. 2014-3, is available free of charge at www.centennialccu.org, or in print via postal mail by calling 303.963.3424.

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SEATTLE (CBS Seattle) – According to a recent study, fatal car crashes involving pot use have tripled in the U.S.

“Currently, one of nine drivers involved in fatal crashes would test positive for marijuana,” Dr. Guohua Li, director of the Center for Injury Epidemiology and Prevention at Columbia, and co-author of the study told HealthDay News.

Researchers from Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health gathered data from six states – California, Hawaii, Illinois, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and West Virginia – that perform toxicology tests on drivers involved in fatal car accidents. This data included over 23,500 drivers that died within one hour of a crash between 1999 and 2010.

Li reported in the study that alcohol contributed to about 40 percent of traffic fatalities throughout the decade.

The researchers found that drugs played an increasing role in fatal traffic accidents. Drugged driving accounted for more than 28 percent of traffic deaths in 2010, which is 16 percent more than it was in 1999.

The researchers also found that marijuana was the main drug involved in the increase. It contributed to 12 percent of fatal crashes, compared to only 4 percent in 1999.

“If a driver is under the influence of alcohol, their risk of a fatal crash is 13 times higher than the risk of the driver who is not under the influence of alcohol,” Li said. “But if the driver is under the influence of both alcohol and marijuana, their risk increased to 24 times that of a sober person.”

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Tourists flock to Colorado to smoke legal weed

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NEW YORK (CNNMoney)

Tourists from around the world are going to Colorado to get stoned legally.

"We have a flow of tour buses coming in every day now," said Toni Fox, owner of 3D Cannabis Center, a Denver dispensary with an influx of Japanese and Saudi tourists. "We even get charter buses from Texas!"

Fox is billing her dispensary as a "tourist friendly" destination. It has a living-room-style reception room and an 80-foot long viewing corridor with rows of windows so customers can see inside the marijuana greenhouse.

"You can literally watch the cannabis you are purchasing grow right in front of your eyes!" boasts the dispensary's web site.

Fox estimates that 70% of her 200 daily customers are from out of state.

In Boulder, the Terrapin Care Station recreational dispensary gets at least a third of its income from out of state, according to manager Jarrod Guaderrama.

"I can definitely tell that all the people from Texas, Georgia, California made this their vacation spot because of legal marijuana," he said. "They'll say they're here because it's beautiful and they're going skiing. They'll say right after that, 'Plus, there's legal pot here.'"

The Colorado Office of State Planning and Budgeting says the state took in \$19 million in tax revenue from recreational marijuana during the first half of the year.

But the state doesn't calculate how much of that is from tourism versus local buyers, and hard numbers are difficult to come by.

Colorado retailers began selling recreation marijuana on New Year's Day, and in what may or may not be a coincidence, the state also posted a record ski season for 2013-2014. Colorado hosted 12.6 million ski visits according to a local industry group, up 10% from the prior season, but industry executives can't say whether legal pot was a factor.

Most ski resorts and hotels don't allow smoking, but there's a niche industry popping up offering so-called "420-friendly" lodgings catering to this segment of tourists. Some bars and music venues also allow smoking in outdoor areas.



Colorado dispensaries like the 3D Cannabis Center in Denver are sparking a boom in marijuana tourism.

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Entrepreneurs from outside Colorado are also cashing in. Rick Moore owns a bus tour company in Dallas, and started running buses to Denver dispensaries after marijuana was legalized. He charges \$400 for the 12-hour trip, which leaves on Thursday and returns on Monday at 3 a.m., and includes two nights in a hotel. Colorado tours now account for about a quarter of his business.

"Some people might try to bring something back, but I discourage it," he said. "It's legal in Colorado but outside Colorado it's not, so I don't want anybody bringing it on the bus."

He added that not all of his Texan tourists smoke weed, but they still want to visit the dispensaries.

"They just want to go because they're curious," he said.

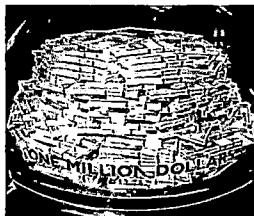
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Name	Corbin Aino	Address	2706 Sprucewood Dr. Homer	Phone	299-0015
Name	Dylan Wyde	Address	35225 Northfork Rd 99556	Phone	999-9717 (currently nonfunctioning)
Name	RICHARD Alan Hulslander	Address	4315 Heidi Ct. Homer, Alaska 99603	Phone	(907) 491-0342
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Petition to oppose Kenai Peninsula Borough's ordinance to prohibit the cultivation of marijuana. We the people listed below do not support the ordinance #2015-02

kachemakcannabiscoalition@gmail.com

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Name	JIM STENZUS	Address	2267 MT. AUGUSTINE DR.	Phone	907-235-7262
Name	CHRISTINA WOODRUFF	Address	39341 Brenmark #1, Homer	Phone	907-299-1880
Name	Elizabeth R Diamant	Address	PO BOX 15074, 61565 OHLSON MINARD HOMER AK 99603	Phone	914 588 0332
Name	Josh Nordstrom	Address	53587 Macmae Ave Homer AK 99603	Phone	235-1414
Name	LINDIANNE SARNO	Address	4297 KACHEMAK DRIVE HOMER	Phone	235-2952
Name	Kyle Tolva	Address	P.O. Box 2117 Homer, AK 99603	Phone	299-8356
Name	DAVE SMITH	Address	55107 Hill Ave HOMER AK 99603	Phone	636 675 2289
Name	Aaron Carpenter	Address	55107 Hill Ave Homer, AK 99603	Phone	907-317-5400
Name	VALERIE McBRIDE	Address	54005 E. 5th Rd HOMER AK 99603	Phone	907-235-0452
Name	STEVE COLLINS	Address	517 GLENNVIEW LOMOR, AK 99603	Phone	503-936-4024
Name	ROBERT STARK	Address	P.O. Box 986, Anchorage, AK 99506	Phone	907 312 3119
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Name	Vince Morcadante	Address	36850 Wren Ct Anchorage AK	Phone	299-1356
Name	Anders Gustafson	Address	PO Box 1245 Homer AK 99603	Phone	907-306-1665
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Blankenship, Johni

From: Martinson Kaniho <kanihosr@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni

We are against the passage of Initiative 2015-02.
Sterling, Ak. Resident
Martin Kaniho

support 2015-002

A Kaufman [akaufman49@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 5:43 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dear Dale Bagley,

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the kenai Peninsula, and I support ordinance 2015-002 introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf.

Best regards,

April Kaufman
Lifetime Kenai Peninsula Resident

48300 Vanderberg Ct
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 5:11 PM

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Jan 26, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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i would heartily recommend watching/listening to gavel360 http://www.360north.org/gavel-archives/?event_id=2147483647_2015011059 senate judiciary hearing on this issue. they will be meeting again on wednesday and friday of this week. you can also download the mp3 files to your computer and listen at your leisure or you can listen online from 10pm to 4am.

Sincerely,

Ms. ahr kipling
PO Box 193
Kasilof, AK 99610-0193

Blankenship, Johni

From: Betsey Knox <betseybknox@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 4:37 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative2015-02

I live and raised 8 kids in NINILCHIK and am against this initiative and only see harm to come to our communities from it.

2015-02

Please support local cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 11:18 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 29, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Richard Koskovich
B. 1282
Homer, AK 99603

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Koskovich
PO Box 1282
Homer, AK 99603-1282
(907) 235-5405

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

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Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 7:13 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 27, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ben LaVigueur
por box 7292
nikiski, AK 99635

2015-02

Susan Lockwood
P.O. Box 2709
Kenai, Alaska
99611
2/20/15

Dear Mr. Bagley,

I support the Ordinance introduced by Kelly Wolf. The vote to approve recreational marijuana did not pass locally! So why would we want marijuana grown and distributed here? I vehemently oppose the commercial production and distribution of Marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula! Look what's happening in Colorado and Washington! They are having all kinds of problems. We don't want those problems here! There will be more problems in our schools, on our roads, and little children will be exposed to marijuana laced goodies. I have talked to some drug addicts. They say that Marijuana is what led them to harder drugs. It's a gateway drug. Please consider the negative implications this will have on our quiet community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Lockwood

02015-02

Bill Lowe

Is Pot-Growing Bad for the Environment?

We have heard, or will hear many arguments about the growing of pot on the Kenai Peninsula, but I want to touch the environmental side of the issue which hits each and every one of us. Even though pot growing will become legal, I personally do not want the Kenai Peninsula to become the pot growing center of Alaska.

This is from a study done in California by river advocate Scott Greacen, executive director of Friends of the Eel River, about pot-growing and the effects to the environment. We are at great risk of having the same damage done here on the Kenai Peninsula and as a community we cannot afford to take the chance of being a part of it!

In an area 150 times smaller than the 16,013 sq miles of the Kenai Peninsula, a team from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife team identified more than 1,000 cannabis farms, estimated to produce some 40,000 small-tree-sized plants annually. This is taken from the Scott Greacen 2012 report:

To meet the demand for marijuana, the ecological impacts of its cultivation have ballooned. From shrunken, muddy streams to rivers choked with algae and wild lands tainted with chemical poisons, large-scale cannabis agriculture is emerging as a significant threat to the victories that have been won in the region to protect wilderness, keep toxic chemicals out of the environment, and rebuild salmon runs that had once provided the backbone of a coast-wide fishing industry.

1. He reported that fewer spawning fish had returned. Even more alarming was the condition of the creek bed: coated with silt and mud, a sign that the water quality was going

downhill. Heavy winter rains wash some of the soil into streams where it damages the good quality of the salmon's spawning gravels and fills in the pools where salmon fry spend the summer.

2. A hefty cannabis plant needs several gallons of water per day which doesn't sound like much until you multiply it by thousands of plants and consider that many of the streams dwindle each year due to less rain during the plant's growing period.
3. Among other things, you've got a monoculture (which is to produce a single crop over a wide area for a number of years) and monocultures invite pests. Spider mites turn out to be a particular challenge for greenhouse growers. Ecologically minded growers can be driven to spray with commercial pesticides because after working for months, if you have an outbreak of mites in your last few weeks when the buds are going, you've got to do something—otherwise you lose everything.
4. Outdoor growers face another threat: rodents, which are drawn to the aromatic, sticky foliage of the cannabis plant. Rodent poisons have begun making their way up the food chain to predators such as the rare, weasel-like fisher, (closely related to otters, badgers, martens, ferrets and wolverines). He found that more than 70 percent of fishers have rat poison in their bloodstream, by the poison they absorbed through their prey.
5. The final blow to environmental health from outdoor growing comes from fertilizers. Growers dump their used potting soil, enriched with unabsorbed fertilizers, in places where it washes into nearby streams and is suspected of triggering blooms of toxic algae. The deaths of four dogs on Eel River tributaries have been linked to the algae, which the dogs ingest after swimming in the river and then licking their fur.

2015-02

Pot Growing

Lorrel Ludy [ljludy@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 10:42 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf. Lorrel Ludy 35545 Fern Forest Street Soldotna, Alaska 99669, Phone: 262-2826

Blankenship, Johni

From: Maggie <scotties2love@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 4:19 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

I would like to add my voice to the many people on the Kenai Peninsula who oppose letting marijuana be commercially grown here. It would be like opening Pandora's box. Please don't let the potheads of the community try to take over! Vote down this initiative!

From: Brendan Maguire <sellingak@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 3:00 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Hope Voter weighs in

As a lifelong Alaskan and independent thinker I would appreciate your efforts into keeping the size and authority of local government in check. Specifically I want to ask you to resist further control and regulation of Marijuana at the borough level.

You are seated in a position to represent the voices of Alaskans, voices who voted to legalize recreational use of marijuana. I trust that your vote in the upcoming matter will reflect the vote of the general populace and support the use of recreational marijuana and the local business, agricultural efforts, jobs and taxable revenue derivative of the marijuana industry.

Explicitly I am asking you not to pass KPB Chapter 10.4 to attempt to ban commercial marijuana grows.

I appreciate your contribution to democracy. If you have any need to of clarification on any of the points raised here feel free to call and I'll be happy to elaborate over a cup of coffee.

Brendan Maguire
65184 Whiskers Way
Hope, Alaska

2015-02

Please vote NO on O2015-02

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 3:43 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 27, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Sincerely,

Ms. Mary McCubbins
Ciechanski Road
Kenai, AK 99611

2015-02

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Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 2:13 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 27, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

Dear Assembly member Bagley,

Myself, my friends and my family will all do our best to assure you are voted you out of office if you choose to ban cultivation on the peninsula because it's something you "morally" don't agree with. You are stagnating business and are starting in essence a black market. (people will try to hide cultivation)

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Sincerely,

Mr. Derrick Miskinis
607 Westwood Cir
Kenai, AK 99611-7449

2015-02

Oppose

Pamela Moeglein [pmoeglein@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 9:26 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf.

Thank you,
Pamela Moeglein

Sent from Pam's iPad

From: jim nelson <alaskayerway@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 12:04 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Chapter 10.14 Marijuana Control Language

Greeting Ms. Blankenship,

Thanks for your assistance in clarifying the language in this proposal.

My concern is as follows:

Whereas the proposed ordinance bans COMMERCIAL marijuana cultivation facilities, the word "commercial" has been left out when defining prohibition in 10.14.010, and also when attempting to clarify what a "yes" and "no" vote constitutes.

The word "commercial" needs to be the preceding word anywhere reference is made to "marijuana cultivation facilities". Besides, at minimum, potentially causing confusion, more importantly, it suggests that all cultivation activities are banned, which is not the intent of this proposed ordinance, as I understand it.

Thanks again for your attention,

Jim Nelson 235-6524

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

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Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Norvelle
523 Ash Ave
Kenai, AK 99611-7561
(907) 252-0834

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Mr. Homer Olson
PO Box 3145
64615 Star Ct.
Homer, AK 99603-3145

2015-02

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Sincerely,

Mr. Alvin Payne
3640 W 84th Ave
Apt 1
Anchorage, AK 99502-5208
(907) 884-2545

2015-02

Your Vote Today

Jonathan Peters [jonathan@arcticbarnabas.org]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 8:20 AM

To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf!!!!

Jonathan Peters

Executive Director



www.arcticbarnabas.org

Office 907-283-3377 Cell 907-350-2004

135 North Willow St., Kenai, Alaska 99611

02015-02
Provided By: George Pierce

**Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Considering
a borough wide BAN on cannabis cultivation centers
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january 27, 2015

- 1 Dale Bagley
- 2 Kelly Cooper
- 3 Blaine Gilman
- 4 Mako Haggerty
- 5 Brent Johnson
- 6 Sue McClure
- 7 Wayne Ogle
- 8 Stan Welles
- 9 Kelly Wolf

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name

address

signature

DARLENE COYLE

Box 193 Kasilof

Darlene Coyle

Dwayne W. W. W.

405 cardinal. 19th Dr.

Dwayne W. W.

George Pierce

Box 80 KASILOF AK 9960

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Fred P. Kipley

P.O. Box KASILOF, AK 99610

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nameaddresssignature

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Jim Gossman	P.O. Box 571 Kasilof	Jim Gossman
Liz Schubert	P.O. Box 950 Kasilof	Liz Schubert
Luna Barrows	P.O. Box 39155 Nimitchik	Luna Barrows
Dan Ram	P.O. Box 368 Clon Gatch	Dan Ram
Vera Renner	51724 Abram Ave Kasilof AK	Vera Renner
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Sheila Brooks	34206 KHAMUSIN Soldotna	Sheila Brooks
J.R. Myers	P.O. Box 2086 Soldotna, AK 99619	J.R. Myers
R. Inholte	P.O. Box 3307 Soldotna AK 99619	R. Inholte
James O'Driscoll	P.O. Box 1076 Anchor point	James O'Driscoll
Paul Yarbrough	P.O. Box 1114 Kasilof AK	Paul Yarbrough
Patsy Myer	PO 2 9351 Nimitchik Alaska	Patsy Myer
Paul Nelson	21531 Renault St. Kasilof, AK	Paul Nelson
Valerie Keen	47980 Buck Ave Soldotna,	Valerie Keen
Seymour Abel	P.O. Box 716 Kasilof AK	Seymour Abel
Geri John	50775 Sterling Homer AK	Geri John
Julia Rhae	P.O. Box 1157 Homer AK	Julia Rhae
Robin Hansen	P.O. Box 411 Kasilof	Robin Hansen

Please vote NO on O2015-02

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Jan 26, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. jeff phelps
47459 Lakeside St
Kenai, AK 99611-9477
776-2178

2015-02

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Safety and revenues would be increased by having regulated and taxed local production centers vs. letting the Mexican drug cartels get all the profits for selling tainted marijuana. Please honor the will of the people and do not ban legal local businesses.

Sincerely,

Ms. Colleen Powers
PO Box 1077
Homer, AK 99603-1077
(907) 235-2558

An Ordinance Enacting KPB Chapter 10.14 Prohibiting the Operation of Marijuana Cultivation Facilities

akjpuck [akjpuck@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 5:18 PM

To: Gilman, Blaine; Johnson, Brent; Bagley, Dale; Wolf, Kelly; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Ogle, Wayne

Dear Assembly Members,

My name is Jeremy Puckett, I live in Kasilof and grew up in Sterling, I am a lifelong resident of the Kenai Peninsula. I have traveled throughout North America extensively and seen the ins and outs of many places drug situations. I have also studied history and law extensively. I have also, in the past, used many different drugs. I no longer use drugs of any kind, including marijuana, and have not for many years.

The culmination of my study, personal experiences and known facts of history lead to the following conclusion: any further regulation of marijuana, whether commercial or private, beyond the State level WILL bring more crime, both direct and related, to our communities. Restrictions in the KPB area will not stop or even slow marijuana use. It WILL increase trafficking to the area. It WILL put control of who buys (underage?) and what else is for sale at the same table SOLELY in the hands of people willing to break the law anyway (you know, criminals, drug dealers, generally shady people) instead of people who are will to follow State regulations and oversight.

Furthermore, the KPB will certainly be missing out on a huge economic opportunity in production and sales tax as well as a huge tourism niche. Allowing only Statewide rules to be in affect gives the KPB the ability to be competitive with destinations such as Amsterdam.

So in conclusion, you all have two choices. You can promote freedom, economic growth, individual liberty and the principles America was founded on and leave regulation at the State level. OR, you can promote criminal activity, keep marijuana sales in the same hands as meth and heroin, spend money on ineffective enforcement instead of making money on tax revenue, generally hamper individual freedom and pee on America's founding principles.

Thank you for your time and I hope you stand up for freedom.

Jeremy Puckett
PO Box 1274
Kasilof, AK 99610

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 6:16 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 28, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Heidi Renner
PO Box 878
Kasilof, AK 99610-0878
(907) 598-4474

2015-02

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Jan 27, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Leslie Richards
PO Box 7162
Nikiski, AK 99635-7162

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 12:40 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 26, 2015

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Sincerely,

Miss Kelly Rochin
2449 Duncanshire Pl
Anchorage, AK 99504-5904

2015-02

Cultivation Facility Ordinance

Tyler Romig [tylerrromig@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 4:56 PM**To:** Bagley, Dale

Dear the KPB Assembly,

My name is Tyler Romig i am a lifelong Kenai Peninsula resident and I have a few concerns regarding the proposed ban of commercial cannabis cultivation on the Kenai Peninsula. I feel as if the Kenai Peninsula Borough would be missing a big opportunity in revenue. I also feel as if passing a broad moratorium to commercial cultivation violates the spirit of the initiative already passed by voters. The fact that the borough has the ability to close thousands of square miles of land off is neither right nor appropriate for this issue. We already have the ability for local option zoning. The beauty of local option zoning is that it keeps the power in the peoples hands and works on a much smaller scale than the proposed ordinance. That to me is the perfect solution to the concerns raised by mr. wolf. The process is already in place and it works well. This process is true to the spirit of the initiative and true to the spirit of Alaska.

Its a common held belief by local historians that had the russians, when they settled in Kenai made the effort to get along with the native people and develop the local potential of the fishing and agriculture that we as alaskans would be speaking russian right now. Instead they got ran out and eventually settled sitka and we all know the rest of the story. At that time Alaska was to reliant on Mother Russia and could not sustain itself. Lets learn from our past and make an attempt at self sufficiency. Considering the state of Alaska's reliance on a dwindling non renewable resource and the federal government for the majority of its budget i feel like it would be in the boroughs and the peoples best interest to allow potential economic stimuli to flourish within its boundaries.

Alaska is in a unique position being one of the first places to legalize cannabis. legalization for the rest of the world will come on an exponential scale. Alaska Has long been a world leader in decriminalization and personal freedoms. Lets embrace this as an opportunity rather than shun it like a cancer. The process for keeping commercial cultivation facilities out of certain areas is already in place and it will work very well. We don't need any more illegal grow operations that are not subjected to any truly enforceable rules. Banning commercial cultivation facilities will in fact essentially take away any say that the people and the borough have in where these facilities are. Thank you for taking the time to read this message.

Tyler Romig

Please vote NO on O2015-02

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Jan 26, 2015

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jay Rusie
48915 Jean St
Kenai, AK 99611-9359
(907) 776-5511

Blankenship, Johni

From: John Rysdyk <johnrysdyk@soldotnabiblechapel.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 11:39 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

Unfortunately I will be on vacation on February 24, but I wanted to let you know that both my wife and I do not want Marijuana COMMERCIALY farmed here on the Kenai Peninsula. We very much appreciate you and the leadership of our community. Since you are our representatives we felt you should know of our concern. Thank you for all you do. Sincerely, Pastor John Rysdyk
Soldotna Bible Chapel

Against marijuana

Renee Rysdyk [rrysdyk@live.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 3:25 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dear Mr. Bagley,

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf.

I am out of state at the moment and can't be at the borough meeting tonight, but I wanted to voice my concern.

Thank you,
Renee Rysdyk
245 Daisy Lane
Soldotna, AK

Sent from my iPhone

2015-02

Please support local cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 6:12 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 27, 2015

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Sincerely,
Chad Samskar
PO Box 2092
Kenai, AK 99611

Sincerely,

Mr. Chad Samskar
PO Box 2092
Kenai, AK 99611-2092
(907) 398-1843

Please ban commercial pot operations

Mark Schaafsma [mschaafsma@acsalaska.net]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1:43 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mark Schaafsma <mschaafsma@acsalaska.net>

Date: February 24, 2015 at 1:39:25 PM AKST

To: "Kwolf@kpb.us" <Kwolf@kpb.us>

Subject: Please ban commercial pot operations

I cannot attend tonight's meeting. But I would like to express my support for the proposed ordinance from assemblyman Wolf that would prohibit commercial marijuana operations in our borough. I believe the majority of borough residents share this opinion. Thank you for all the work you do to protect the quality of life we all enjoy here on the Kenai.

Sincerely,

Mark Schaafsma
38-year Soldotna resident
262-9483

Sent from my iPhone

2015-02

Open Letter encouraging responsible consumption

Bruce Schulte [bruce.schulte@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 8:55 AM

To: Bruce Schulte [Bruce.Schulte@gmail.com]

Good morning,

I wanted to share this link with you, we've submitted the same piece to several publications around the state.

We (CRCL) and the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol will be promoting this message through to next week - encouraging everyone to be responsible and respectful of their fellow Alaskans on February 24.

<http://www.adn.com/article/20150219/alaska-cannabis-prohibition-ends-tuesday-if-youre-celebrating-do-so-responsibly>

Regards,

Bruce Schulte

Coalition for Responsible Cannabis Legislation (CRCL)

Blankenship, Johni

From: Alyssa Schwenke <lyssa777@live.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:04 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

We are **AGAINST** the passage of Initiative 2015-02"

I support the ordinance presented by assemblyman Kelly wolf.

Alyssa Schwenke
47197 Anderson street
Nikiski Alaska 99635

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: Alyssa Schwenke <lyssa777@live.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:01 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

We are **AGAINST** the passage of Initiative 2015-02"

We do not want commercially farmed marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula!

Sent from my iPhone

Blankenship, Johni

From: kathysheart@ymail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 22, 2015 8:00 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Initiative 2015-02

I am against the passage of initiative 2015-02 Kathy Sexton Nikiski, AK Sent from my iPad

Blankenship, Johni

From: Debbie Seymour <kimdebbie@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 12:43 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: initiative 2015-02

I am just letting you know that my husband and I are both strongly opposed to this initiative. We have seen the devastating effects of drug abuse in our own family and don't want it anywhere on the Kenai Peninsula.

Thank you very much Kim and Debbie Seymour, Homer, Alaska.

Blessings Debbie

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2015 10:41 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

Feb 14, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Sincerely,

Mr. John Sheipe
PO Box 15131
Fritz Creek, AK 99603-6131

2015-02

Please support local cultivation centers

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Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 1:13 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 27, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Rhema Smith
PO Box 15224
Fritz Creek, AK 99603-6224
(760) 960-1806

From: Sourdough Dru <goldy@sourdoughdru.com>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 1:58 PM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Proposed ordinance enacting KPB Chapter 10.4 to ban commercial marijuana grows

Sourdough Dru
Hope Alaska

This proposed ban on commercial Marijuana grows on the Kenai Penninsula is ridiculous.

Haven't the people spoken! In Hope Alaska the pot initiative passed by a large margin.

In my heart I believe our Kenai Penninsula borough representatives are trying to delegate their own morality on Kenai Penninsua residents. This being said -study after study proves alcohol issues and addiction to alcohol is so much more of an issue. No one needs alcohol for medical issues so why is it necessary for the assembly to prohibit marijuana after the people have spoken. As far as alcohol most of The Kenai Penninsula is not a "dry area". The assembly should not be the moral police.

As a business owner I would like grow operations in Hope Alaska because it would employ residents locally and there are so few jobs here. So little money here.

I understand not having a grow operation as big as 3000 plants.

But local grows could be smaller. This would keep residents employed but not "owned".

I suggest the Assembly not pass KPB Chapter 10.4 to attempt to ban commercial marijuana grows. Please take a wait and see approach. See the regulations the State comes up with. I do not understand THE PANIC mode the assembly is in on this issue. I believe the assembly should study growing and selling issues and ultimately consider the people have already spoken and be ready when the State does adopt regulations to participate in a new Alaska industry.

Breweries exist on The Kenai and that didn't cause "the devil" to take over our area!

This is a great economic opportunity. With more money here I could possibly stay open all year.

Thank you Assembly members for considering my comments.
But most of all thank you for your service. I really do appreciate it.

Dru Sorenson
Alaska born and raised
(Fondly known as "Sourdough Dru")

2015-02

Support Ordinance

Vince Spady [vspady47@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 7:38 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dear Assemblyman Bagley

As a Kenai Borough resident for over 38 years, I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on our Kenai Peninsula. I support the ordinance introduced by Kelly Wolf concerning this matter.

Thank you very much.

Marylil Spady

38895 Longmere Way

Soldotna, AK 99669

2015-02

Support Ordinance

Vince Spady [vspady47@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 10:52 PM

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Thank you very much.

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38895 Longmere Way

Soldotna, AK 99669

2015-02

Commercial growing of Marijuana

John Steckel [jsteckel@alaska.net]

Sent: Saturday, February 21, 2015 4:05 PM

To: Gilman, Blaine; Johnson, Brent; Bagley, Dale; Cooper, Kelly; Wolf, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Ogle, Wayne

Dear Assembly Members,

We are writing to inform you that we strongly support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf to **ban** commercial production of Marijuana anywhere here on the Kenai Peninsula. We personally, as well as locally, did not vote to legalize recreational marijuana, nor do we want it grown, produced or distributed here. We strongly believe that the use and production of Marijuana is a detriment to our children, our schools, and our community.

AS individuals and a group, please use your vote to BAN commercial production of Marijuana here. It could make a huge positive difference in the future of our community.

Thank you,

John & Jacquie Steckel

44392 Carver Drive

Kenai, Alaska 99611

jsteckel@alaska.net

www.redcabinbandb.com

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Provided By: Kelly Wolf / Bob Thrice

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[Home](#) > 6 arrested in Kenai Peninsula meth, heroin bust

Megan Edge ^[1]
February 20, 2015

Six people from the Kenai Peninsula were arrested Thursday for their roles in selling methamphetamine and heroin, Alaska State Troopers say.

Four of the suspects were arrested at about 9:30 a.m. Thursday, after officers executed a search warrant at a residence off Tustumena Lake Road in Kasilof and another at a residence on Friendship Avenue in Kasilof, troopers wrote in an online dispatch Friday morning.

Joshua Tri, 30, of Kasilof was arrested for two counts of third-degree misconduct involving a controlled substance. John Fisler, 51, of Kasilof was charged with four counts of third-degree misconduct involving a controlled substance. Stacy Whiteley, 40, of Soldotna was charged with one count of fourth-degree misconduct involving a controlled substance. Ashley Armknecht, 23, of Soldotna was charged with probation violations.

Officers from the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit, the Alaska Bureau of Investigation, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, the Kenai Police Department, the Soldotna Police Department, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Department of Homeland Security jointly served the warrants, according to the troopers dispatch.

At about 5 p.m. Thursday, two additional people, Levi Shannon and Isis Holcombe, both 18, were also arrested as they attempted to deliver drugs, troopers said.

Holcombe was charged with two counts of second-degree misconduct involving a controlled substance and two counts of third-degree misconduct involving a controlled substance, troopers wrote, while Shannon was charged with three counts of third-degree misconduct involving a controlled substance.

Lt. Rex Leath, an Alaska state trooper who is also deputy commander of the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit, said the two-month investigation was sparked by community tips. Troopers purchased 18.3 grams of methamphetamine, which Leath said sells for \$100 for every 0.3 gram.

According to Leath, investigators don't believe the drugs were being made in Alaska, but shipped in from the Lower 48 and other countries.

All six people arrested were taken to Wildwood Pretrial Facility and held without bail, troopers said.

Leath added that more charges may be filed.

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[Home](#) > Stacey Graham sentenced to 32 years for DUI deaths of 2 teen girls

Jerzy Shedlock ^[1]

February 6, 2015

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Loren Holmes / ADN

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Stacey Allen Graham, his attorney, APD Chief Mark Mew and a trooper who works at the courthouse are in the courtroom Friday morning during the sentencing.

Stacey Allen Graham, 33, was sentenced Friday to 32 years in prison for one of the most infamous drunken-driving murders in recent memory -- the 2013 killing of two teen girls walking on a South Anchorage sidewalk after a back-to-school shopping trip.

After an emotional sentencing hearing, in which the victims' families testified, Superior Court Judge Kevin Saxby said he believed the sentence he pronounced was the longest in Alaska's history for "conduct of this type." He imposed two consecutive 20-year sentences, each with four years suspended, for the two counts of second-degree murder to which Graham had pleaded guilty.

"I don't want her death to be in vain," said Gary McPheters, the father of one of the two girls, Brooke McPheters. Facing Graham and the defense table, McPheters said: "I don't hate you. I'm disappointed as a father."

Brooke McPheters was placed in gifted school programs from a young age and volunteered countless hours to nonprofits when she entered middle school, her father said.

Assistant district attorney Daniel Shorey asked for the maximum sentence of 40 years. Graham's defense attorney, Reginald Christie, argued that the state was seeking retribution, not justice, with its recommendation.

The crimes date back to a Friday evening in August 2013 when Graham sped in his Toyota Tacoma pickup after bouts of heavy drinking at a company golf tournament and afterward at a friend's house. Graham's blood-alcohol content was more than two times the legal limit, according to court documents.

VIDEO: Mothers react after sentencing in daughters' killing by DUI driver ^[3]

Graham lost control of his truck where Dimond Boulevard curves into Abbott Road near the Independence Park neighborhood in South Anchorage. Prosecutors say Graham swerved onto a sidewalk and struck McPheters and Jordyn Durr, both 15, as they strolled home. After the truck crashed into the girls, it hit a large, wooden business sign before coming to rest on its side.

Durr and McPheters died at the scene.

The wreck injured Graham, who made an initial court appearance four days later with a swollen and bruised left eye, flanked by two prison officers. The state charged Graham with two counts of

driver in a head-on Seward Highway collision. The judge failed to correctly address the correct sentencing factors, such as deterrence, Shorey said.

The prosecutor argued 40 years behind bars fit the crime.

Defense attorney Christie likened Graham's actions to those of Lane Douglas Wyatt, 24, a former airman from Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Wyatt was sentenced to 18 years in December for killing 20-year-old Citari Townes-Sweatt in another 2013 drunken-driving accident.

Christie argued Wyatt's offense was more severe because friends tried to stop him from driving. Testimony did not suggest anyone tried to stop Graham.

Judge Saxby said he recognized Graham's remorse and acceptance of responsibility for the murders. However, Saxby disagreed with the defense's remarks that Graham was a youthful offender. Graham was old enough to avoid impulsive behaviors, he said.

After the decades-long sentence was handed down, Dayna Durr approached Graham's parents. She said outside the courtroom that she talked about moving forward with them. She said she turned to Graham, who was standing nearby, behind the bar. She asked him to "do what you need to do." She said she told Graham she forgave him.

Source URL: <http://www.adn.com/article/20150206/stacey-graham-sentenced-32-years-dui-deaths-2-teen-girls>

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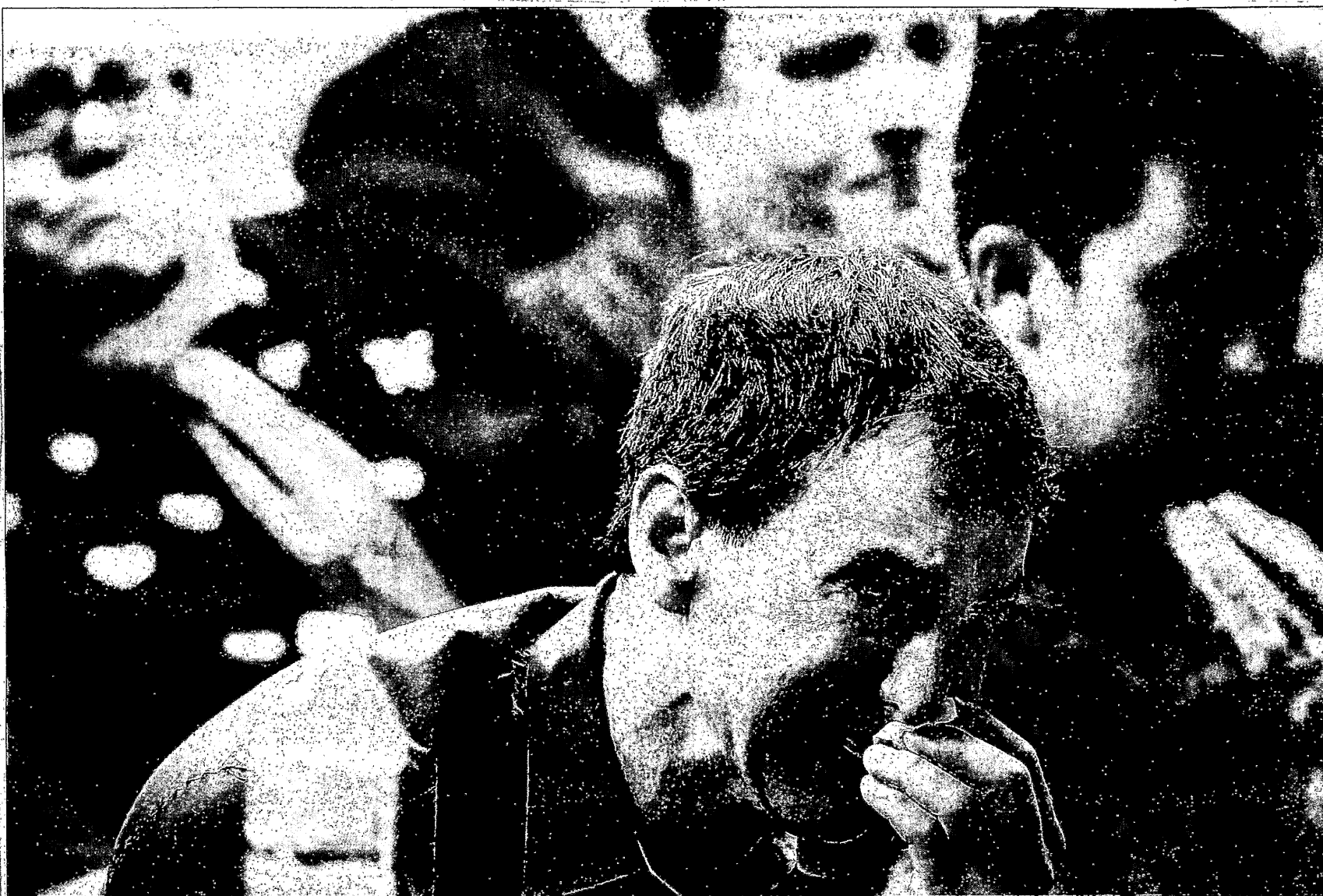
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Above: Stacey Allen Graham cries as he watches a slideshow of 15-year-old best friends Jordyn Durr and Brooke McPheters, on Friday in an Anchorage courtroom. Graham drove drunk in 2013, killing the two teenage girls, and was sentenced by Judge Kevin Saxby to 32 years in prison.

Right: Dayna Durr, left, and Shanna McPheters hold each other as they watch a slideshow of their daughters, Jordyn Durr and Brooke McPheters.

Video: Mothers react after sentencing in daughters' killing by DUI driver, adn.com/multimedia





Photos by LOREN HOLMES / Alaska Dispatch News

Gary McPheters cries as he watches a slideshow of his daughter, 15-year-old Brooke McPheters, on Friday in an Anchorage courtroom. Brooke and her best friend Jordyn Durr, also 15, were killed on Abbott Road as they were walking home from a shopping trip by Stacey Allen Graham, who was sentenced at the emotional hearing.



Stacey Allen Graham enters a packed courtroom for his sentencing Friday in Anchorage. While in jail, Graham said he has tried to help inmates understand the effects of their crimes. "I work for them now," he said, referring to his victims.

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 1:18 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 29, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jesse Toubman
551 Klondike Ave
Homer, AK 99603-7632

From: JR Tuning <jrtuning@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 9:28 AM
To: Blankenship, Johni
Subject: Commercialized Marijuana

We are STRONGLY OPPOSED to growing Marijuana commercially on the Kenai Peninsula! Marijuana is the "gateway" to other stronger drugs. There's already enough problems with alcohol consumption and addiction in Alaska, as well as illegal drugs. We don't need to add any more! Our prisons and graveyards are already crowded with those who have been affected by these vices.

Besides that, our troopers are already busy enough and can't keep up with helping to enforce the laws we have now without adding more, related to something that is NOT NECESSARY.

Plus, the expenses needed to implement and enforce laws related to growing Marijuana commercially, or for personal use legally, likely exceeds any tax benefit for our State.

We urge you to please prevent the commercialized growing of Marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula or anyplace in the State of Alaska!

We sincerely thank you.

James & Roberta Tuning
jrtuning@alaska.net

2015-02

Please do not rush to ban marijuana cultivation centers

Site Administrator [membership@mpp.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2015 11:43 AM

To: Bagley, Dale

Jan 27, 2015

Assembly member Dale Bagley

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Sincerely,
Dan Ungrue
Kenai resident

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Mr. Daniel Ungrue
PO Box 1427
Kenai, AK 99611-1427
(907) 398-8599

Please vote NO on O2015-02

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Jan 27, 2015

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Sincerely,

Ms. Michele Vasquez
PO Box 1150
Kenai, AK 99611-1150
(907) 940-5783

2015-02

Opposed to Commercial Marijuana Production

Ramsey Vega [ramseyjo2005@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 8:46 AM

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support the ordinance introduced by Assemblyman Kelly Wolf. Thank you for representing the people of the Peninsula as you vote on this matter.

Ramsey Vega
44910 Big Eddy Road

Cannabidiol (CBD)

02015-02
Provided
By: Dennis Wade

Cannabidiol is one of at least 85 active cannabinoids identified in cannabis.^[4] It is a major phytocannabinoid, accounting for up to 40% of the plant's extract.^[5] CBD is considered to have a wider scope of medical applications than tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).^[6] An orally-administered liquid containing CBD has received orphan drug status in the US, for use as a treatment for Dravet syndrome.^[6] <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannabidiol>

CBD & US Law

What is certain is that natural cannabinoids found in hemp are specifically exempt from the Controlled Substances Act. Since natural cannabinoids are found in all hemp products, and hemp products are found on grocery store shelves nationwide, hemp oils would appear to be the easiest, legal manner in which to obtain CBD. http://cbd4us.com/?page_id=10

The **9th US circuit court of appeals ruled in 2004** that the naturally occurring cannabinoids in Hemp do not fall under DEA regulation when sold as nutritional supplements. <http://cannabisoilforsale.net/>

20 Medical Studies That Show Cannabis Can Be A Potential Cure Cancer
August 23, 2013 by Arjun Walla <http://www.collective-evolution.com/2013/08/23/20-medical-studies-that-prove-cannabis-can-cure-cancer/>

See: CNN documentary "WEED" which featured the medical marijuana success story of 6-year-old Charlotte Figi. <http://www.greenerideal.com/lifestyle/home-and-garden/6963-hemp-sustainable-pulp-and-fibre/>

Cannabidiol as a novel inhibitor of Id-1 gene expression in aggressive breast cancer cells..
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18025276>

Hemp: a Source of Sustainable Pulp and Fibre By Colin Dunn | April 17, 2010
<http://www.greenerideal.com/lifestyle/home-and-garden/6963-hemp-sustainable-pulp-and-fibre/>

KP Marijuana

Willam & Wolverton [mwtigers@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, February 23, 2015 7:52 PM

To: Bagley, Dale

Dear Mr. Bagley,

I am opposed to commercial production of marijuana on the Kenai Peninsula, and I support ordinance 2015-002. My husband and I have 3 daughters that will be effected by this decision. We do not need this in our community. Please vote accordingly.

Best regards,

William and Contessa Wolverton
Kenai Peninsula Resident
48462 Whitlock Ave
Soldotna, AK 99669

Prohibit Commercial Marijuana Cultivation

Mary Wyne [mewyne@alaska.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 12:38 PM

To: Wolf, Kelly; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Blankenship, Johni

Please approve Ordinance 2015-2. I'm opposed to commercial Marijuana cultivation in the Kenai Peninsula. Thank You.

Mary Wyne

Please Oppose Ordinance 2015-02

A. Vin Zant [amandavinzant@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, January 17, 2015 1:24 PM

To: Navarre, Mike; Gilman, Blaine; Ogle, Wayne; Bagley, Dale; Welles, Stan; McClure, Sue; Johnson, Brent; Cooper, Kelly; Haggerty, Mako; Thompson, Colette; Blankenship, Johni

Dear Assembly Members;

When our family decided to make the leap from renting to home ownership, we gave a lot of thought to in-town vs out-of-town. When it came down to it, the freedom and space of living outside of city limits mattered more to us than the convenience of being close or in town. We wanted to be able to do as we pleased on our land without the concern of breaking covenants, laws, or annoying our neighbors. Proposed ordinance 2015-02, aimed at banning the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities outside of city limits, is an illogical slap in the face to the freedom we chose and the will of the voters exhibited in November.

Consider what will happen on the peninsula as use of marijuana becomes legal if there are no legal sources for acquiring it. Forbidding citizens to operate facilities that will obey laws, regulations, and pay taxes will encourage the growth of a black market. You lose revenue from taxes both on sales and employment, increase law enforcement costs to regulate a substance that Alaskan voters legalized (which keeps those same officers from addressing real crime), eliminate the boroughs ability to regulate the industry to safe standards, and gain, what? I really am asking. What does the ordinance have to offer the people of the peninsula?

Mr. Wolf seems to be suggesting that we stand to gain peace of mind, that we'll no longer have to worry of "pot farms" popping up in subdivisions if we simply ban them everywhere, but the truth is all we stand to gain is adherence to a misled stigma. Outdoor growth of marijuana is not plausible in Alaska beyond hemp, a substance that cannot be used as a drug and would require land-use beyond that available in a subdivision. Outdoor hemp farms would be no more dangerous than your average hay field—and would have to obey covenants I'm sure out-of-town residents can handle setting up all on their own. Actual cultivation facilities of marijuana would have to be indoors and quite secure to maintain the delicate environmental balance marijuana growing requires. Do indoor house plants bother your neighbors? Do your neighbors have any business knowing what's inside the buildings on your land? Do most of them care? No.

So, when we boil ordinance 2015-2 down logically all we find is lost revenue, increased costs, misinformation, and a violation of freedom and the will of the people. It's not about whether or not you are pro or anti-marijuana, it's about taking a subjective look at a law that has been passed. Marijuana is going to be legal in Alaska as of February 24th. I for one, would prefer the borough and its people benefit from that decision. I do not support ordinance 2015-2.

Thank you for your time,
Amanda Vin Zant