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From: Melissa Be <melissa.beseda@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 11:18 PM
To: Planning
Subject: Public Comment for Marijuana Operations

Dear Okanogan County Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to reconsider some of the changes being drafted that will have a negative impact on marijuana operations and the industry's economic impact in Okanogan County.

Our

concern is that

regulations placed to curb the irresponsible actions of a few will negatively impact

small farms like ours. I do support maintaining the current definition of Marijuana as an agricultural crop with the right to farm (17A.020.060 Agriculture). I also believe that the language in (17A.020.370 Farm) be amended so that marijuana is either not included, or is included as a permitted use.

We have spent the last year building our small, family-run grow from the ground up, meeting our neighbors, making connections in the community, and making Okanogan County our home. We have discussed smell concerns with our neighbors and are committed to making sure they are happy. With the openness to marijuana cultivation, the natural beauty, and the community we are making, we have been pinching ourselves, asking how lucky we were to have found such a great place to build a business and to call home.

We are committed to Okanogan County and to our neighbors. We are committed to sourcing labor and services within the community and investing in the future of Okanogan County. We strongly believe that the economic power of recreational marijuana growing will become a positive force on Okanogan County as a whole and are committed to building a sustainable industry that blends in to the fabric of this community.

Sincerely,

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Melissa Beseda