From: Holly Sheldon Lee
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored); Marijuana, CED ABC (CED sponsored)
Subject: Specific Objection to license application 10641 and 10901
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Following and attached is a letter from John Stephanski opposing that High Expedition Company receive a State retail marijuana license.

Please add this letter to the rest of the Objections from our town.

February 25, 2017

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To Whom It May Concern,

I, John Stefanski, object to licensing High Expedition Company #10641 and #10901 for medical or recreation cannabis in downtown, on Main Street, in Talkeetna. The whole town is a hub for recreation and is the gateway to Denali National Park with the Federal Park Ranger Station less than 200' from "High Expedition." Susitna Salmon Center is an outfit in downtown Talkeetna that offer a variety of children's programs (stated on the sign in front of their business) less than 500' from the proposed "High Expedition" building. The Borough Recreation Park is less than 100' from the proposed outlet (across the street). Both have children coming and going between them. The river is less than 400' from the business which families also camp and recreate. Sport fisherman, rafters and hundreds of thousands of tourists with families all pass within 50' to 500' of the "High Expedition." One of the problems is who is going to enforce the "resale" and giving it to minors, like the problem we have with alcohol.

The courtrooms are full of minor consuming cases. The same will happen with cannabis. Everybody is out to make a "buck" at the expense of our own youth, the future of Alaska. It is unconscionable that the most precious resource of our State will be tempted and exposed to another mind altering drug sanctioned by government officials (some that also have a stake) in the cannabis business.

I personally have been critically injured, disabled – permanently, by habitual cannabis users. Only an act of God saved me from being killed by one of these people who just obtained illegal cannabis on Main Street in Talkeetna (with a lot lower THC level than the proposed "legal" cannabis). There are already many problems with legal and illegal drugs in Talkeetna. Please just say "No" to High Expedition license numbers 10641 and 10901 and help our community.

Sincerely,

John Stefanski

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