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To the Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Board,

We strenuously object to allowing the "Grass Station 49" to open a business at 665 Rainbow Drive for a variety of reasons. First, we currently already see a great amount of congestion at the intersection of Rainbow Drive and Chena Hot Springs Road (CHSR). Traffic coming into town on CHSR has to slow down as it approaches the underpass. The vehicles form a line making it very difficult to turn out of Rainbow Drive onto CHSR.

During the winter it can be especially dangerous because not all traffic slows to 40 mph, as posted, and traction is limited so you have even greater difficulty safely merging into the traffic. Additionally traffic going out on CHSR has a very short sight line making it difficult to merge from Rainbow Drive into that outgoing lane and traffic going out CHSR wishing to turn onto Rainbow Drive has to immediately cross a lane of traffic before turning onto Rainbow Drive. DOT has planned traffic revisions at this intersection in 2018 and reports that there have been 14 accidents in this area in 2017. We have seen numerous near misses at this location ourselves.

A business in this location will only add to the already dangerous traffic situation. Some years ago a bar requested to move into the same area and was denied for similar reasons. This is an unsuitable area and even dangerous location to put a business, especially one with heavy traffic.

Secondly, and of equal concern, this area is primarily a residential neighborhood. This business would be across the street from the bus stop where Elementary, Middle and High School children wait for their ride in the morning and get dropped off in the afternoon. I think this presents the wrong message to our youth. Certainly a better, more discrete location can be found such as in a business or industrial region of town. Many children live in this area and Rainbow Drive is utilized for walking, jogging, biking, etc.. This type of business, especially if it is high traffic, doesn't belong in a residential neighborhood and I would argue the same about any similar business moving in here!

The owners of the company are building already, before the public notice and public comment has been heard. I am hoping that the decision has not been made to allow this to happen, greatly affecting those of us that live in this area. If so, please reconsider that decision for the sake of those that live here.

Sincerely,

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