**From:** Barbara Blood
**To:** Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
**Subject:** Letter in opposition to marijuana retail store in Haines - permit #15061
**Date:** Wednesday, October 04, 2017 11:29:57 AM

---

October 4, 2017

Dear Sirs,

We are writing in opposition to Brad and Jason Adam's plan for the establishment of a marijuana retail store at 75 Beach Road, Haines, Alaska.

75 Beach Road is located along Haines' beautiful waterfront. Although not technically within 500 feet of a "school, youth, or recreation center", it is directly across the street from a public beach where our children play.

The Haines Borough and the state of Alaska have for years spent hundreds of thousands of dollars educating our children on the dangers of substance abuse. For them to see such a store in that location would be an affront to those educators who have striven to keep our children safe from the adverse effects of alcohol and drugs, including marijuana.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, cannabis abuse, which includes marijuana addiction, is a recognized disorder in the DSM-IV. Studies show again and again how marijuana use impairs bodily and mental functions, depresses the immune system, affects short-term memory, elevates the risk of heart attack and causes respiratory and brain damage. If the Haines Police Blotter is any indication, there is strong evidence to suggest that the sale of marijuana, although now legal in Haines, would serve little purpose other than to add to our town's already existing drug problems.

Please deny this application #15061.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gerald and Barbara Blood
PO Box 1092
Haines, AK 99827
907-766-3347