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Sir:

My name is Constance Friend. I am a long time resident of Tok, AK. I object to license # 20844 by Monnie Davidson.

There are already far too many drugs in our small community. The impact on youth and families would increase altercations within families and with the law. We don't have enough law enforcement now and families are struggling here to survive. The entire Upper Tanana Valley region is considered a low income - poverty region. Drugs will not put food on our tables, but rather, the opposite.

I also feel that the business name: "Tokin it Up" is demeaning to our community.

Sincerely. C H Friend

Public Notice

Application for Marijuana Establishment License

License Number: 20844
License Status: Incomplete
License Type: Retail Marijuana Store
Doing Business As: TOKIN UP
Business License Number: 1114348
Email Address: donniedavisson@hotmail.com
Latitude, Longitude: 63.335000, -142.981800
Physical Address: MP 1313.8 Alaska Hwy
TOK, AK 99780
UNITED STATES

Licensee #1

Type: Entity
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Alaska Entity Name: 907 Promos, LLC
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Dear Sirs:

I strongly object to the opening of the business **Tokin Up, AK entity #10099965, license # 20844.**

What kind of message does it send to tourists driving into Alaska on the Alaska Highway if, when entering the first community they come to, one of the first businesses they see is a marijuana store. The state and the community have gone to significant effort and expense to provide a very attractive and welcoming image to tourists as they visit Tok. I believe that the image presented by Tokin Up will dramatically degrade that image.

In addition to that, Tok and the surrounding communities already have a difficult problem with drug and alcohol abuse. The existence of a marijuana store in Tok cannot help but exacerbate this issue.

I would strongly recommend the article **"Marijuana,** Mental Illness, **and Violence"** that may be found at https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/marijuana-mental-illness-violence/ This article points out several issues that could prove to be extremely difficult and expensive to deal with in a community as remote as Tok.

In conclusion, after a 35 year career in law enforcement, I have seen the negative results that can occur with the ready availability of marijuana in small communities.

Sincerely,

Douglas N. Harmon

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To whom it may concern:

I have worked in the field of education since the 1970's. As drug usage in America has steadily increased, I have observed additional behavioral challenges in the classroom. I realize there are many factors to be considered as to why this is occurring, but from my recent teaching experiences in the Upper Tanana area I can say that drug usage is a major cause of behavioral issues in the classroom. In the Upper Tanana area, many families are dysfunctional and the children have to survive for the most part on their own. School is a safe environment for these children. When the children go home, there might be parties going on all night long involving alcohol and drugs. As a result, the students come to school without rest and in need of a decent breakfast, which the school provides. When I read the enclosed article entitled "Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence" by Alex Berenson, I thought the last thing we need is **TokIn Up, Alaska Entity Number: 10099965,** in Tok, Alaska.

My husband served as a customs officer at Alcan for several years. Oftentimes, travelers would try to bring illegal drugs into Alaska. At one point, their cars were seized for doing so. To put a pot shop in Tok would be a money maker as travelers crossing the border are not legally able to transport drugs across the United States Border, so the Tok pot shop would be their first chance to get marijuana. Now think about this, tourists are probably on their way to Anchorage (over 350 miles away) or Fairbanks (about 200 miles away). The Alaska Highway is posted at 65 mph for the most part to Fairbanks and the Tok Cutoff even at 55 mph to Anchorage has dangerous sections of highway. Marijuana should not be sold in Tok, if for no other reason than to assure the safety of the tourists as well as the safety of other drivers on Alaskan highways.

Sincerely,

Judith Harmon

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Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence

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Alex Berenson
Author, *Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence*

Alex Berenson is a graduate of Yale University with degrees in history and economics. He began his career in journalism in 1994 as a business reporter for the *Denver Post*, joined the financial news website TheStreet.com in 1996, and worked as an investigative reporter for *The New York Times* from 1999 to 2010, during which time he also served two stints as an Iraq War correspondent. In 2006 he published *The Faithful Spy*, which won the 2007 Edgar Award for best first novel from the Mystery Writers of America. He has published ten additional novels and two nonfiction books, *The Number: How the Drive for Quarterly Earnings Corrupted Wall Street and Corporate America* and *Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence.*

The following is adapted from a speech delivered on January 15, 2019, at Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship in Washington, D.C.

Seventy miles northwest of New York City is a hospital that looks like a prison, its drab brick buildings wrapped in layers of fencing and barbed wire. This grim facility is called the Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Institute. It's one of three places the state of New York sends the criminally mentally ill—defendants judged not guilty by reason of insanity.

Until recently, my wife Jackie—Dr. Jacqueline Berenson—was a senior psychiatrist there. Many of Mid-Hudson's 300 patients are killers and arsonists. At least one is a cannibal. Most have been diagnosed with psychotic disorders like schizophrenia that provoked them to violence against family members or strangers.

A couple of years ago, Jackie was telling me about a patient. In passing, she said something like, *Of course he'd been smoking pot his whole life.*

Of course? I said.

Yes, they all smoke.

So marijuana causes schizophrenia?

I was surprised, to say the least. I tended to be a libertarian on drugs. Years before, I'd covered the pharmaceutical industry for *The New York Times*. I was aware of the claims about marijuana as medicine, and I'd watched the slow spread of legalized cannabis without much interest.

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Jackie would have been within her rights to say, *I know what I'm talking about, unlike you*. Instead she offered something neutral like, *I think that's what the big studies say. You should read them.*

So I did. The big studies, the little ones, and all the rest. I read everything I could find. I talked to every psychiatrist and brain scientist who would talk to me. And I soon realized that in all my years as a journalist I had never seen a story where the gap between insider and outsider knowledge was so great, or the stakes so high.

I began to wonder why—with the stocks of cannabis companies soaring and politicians promoting legalization as a low-risk way to raise tax revenue and reduce crime—I had never heard the truth about marijuana, mental illness, and violence.

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Over the last 30 years, psychiatrists and epidemiologists have turned speculation about marijuana's dangers into science. Yet over the same period, a shrewd and expensive lobbying campaign has pushed public attitudes about marijuana the other way. And the effects are now becoming apparent.

Almost everything you think you know about the health effects of cannabis, almost everything advocates and the media have told you for a generation, is wrong.

They've told you marijuana has many different medical uses. In reality marijuana and THC, its active ingredient, have been shown to work only in a few narrow conditions. They are most commonly prescribed for pain relief. But they are rarely tested against other pain relief drugs like ibuprofen—and in July, a large four-year study of patients with chronic pain in Australia showed cannabis use was associated with *greater* pain over time.

They've told you cannabis can stem opioid use—"Two new studies show how marijuana can help fight the opioid epidemic," according to Wonkblog, a *Washington Post* website, in April 2018— and that marijuana's effects as a painkiller make it a potential substitute for opiates. In reality, like alcohol, marijuana is too weak as a painkiller to work for most people who truly *need* opiates, such as terminal cancer patients. Even cannabis advocates, like Rob Kampia, the co-founder of the Marijuana Policy Project, acknowledge that they have always viewed medical marijuana laws primarily as a way to protect recreational users.

As for the marijuana-reduces-opiate-use theory, it is based largely on a single paper comparing overdose deaths by state before 2010 to the spread of medical marijuana laws— and the paper's finding is probably a result of simple geographic coincidence. The opiate epidemic began in Appalachia, while the first states to legalize medical marijuana were in the West. Since 2010, as both the epidemic and medical marijuana laws have spread nationally, the finding has vanished. And the United States, the Western country with the most cannabis use, also has by far the worst problem with opioids.

Research on individual users—a better way to trace cause and effect than looking at aggregate state-level data—consistently shows that marijuana use leads to other drug use.

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For example, a January 2018 paper in the *American Journal of Psychiatry* showed that people who used cannabis in 2001 were almost three times as likely to use opiates three years later, even after adjusting for other potential risks.

Most of all, advocates have told you that marijuana is not just safe for people with psychiatric problems like depression, but that it is a potential treatment for those patients. On its website, the cannabis delivery service Eaze offers the "Best Marijuana Strains and Products for Treating Anxiety." "How Does Cannabis Help Depression?" is the topic of an article on Leafly, the largest cannabis website. But a mountain of peer-reviewed research in top medical journals shows that marijuana can cause or worsen severe mental illness, especially psychosis, the medical term for a break from reality. Teenagers who smoke marijuana regularly are about three times as likely to develop schizophrenia, the most devastating psychotic disorder.

After an exhaustive review, the National Academy of Medicine found in 2017 that "cannabis use is likely to increase the risk of developing schizophrenia and other psychoses; the higher the use, the greater the risk." Also that "regular cannabis use is likely to increase the risk for developing social anxiety disorder."

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Over the past decade, as legalization has spread, patterns of marijuana use—and the drug itself—have changed in dangerous ways.

Legalization has not led to a huge increase in people using the drug casually. About 15 percent of Americans used cannabis at least once in 2017, up from ten percent in 2006, according to a large federal study called the National Survey on Drug Use and Health. (By contrast, about 65 percent of Americans had a drink in the last year.) But the number of Americans who use cannabis *heavily* is soaring. In 2006, about three million Americans reported using cannabis at least 300 times a year, the standard for daily use. By 2017, that number had nearly tripled, to eight million, approaching the twelve million Americans who drank alcohol every day. Put another way, one in 15 drinkers consumed alcohol daily; about one in five marijuana users used cannabis that often.

Cannabis users today are also consuming a drug that is far more potent than ever before, as measured by the amount of THC—delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol, the chemical in cannabis responsible for its psychoactive effects—it contains. In the 1970s, the last time this many Americans used cannabis, most marijuana contained less than two percent THC. Today, marijuana routinely contains 20 to 25 percent THC, thanks to sophisticated farming and cloning techniques—as well as to a demand by users for cannabis that produces a stronger high more quickly. In states where cannabis is legal, many users prefer extracts that are nearly pure THC. Think of the difference between near-beer and a martini, or even grain alcohol, to understand the difference.

These new patterns of use have caused problems with the drug to soar. In 2014, people who had diagnosable cannabis use disorder, the medical term for marijuana abuse or addiction, made up about 1.5 percent of Americans. But they accounted for eleven percent of all the psychosis cases in emergency rooms—90,000 cases, 250 a day, triple

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the number in 2006. In states like Colorado, emergency room physicians have become experts on dealing with cannabis-induced psychosis.

Cannabis advocates often argue that the drug can't be as neurotoxic as studies suggest, because otherwise Western countries would have seen population-wide increases in psychosis alongside rising use. In reality, accurately tracking psychosis cases is impossible in the United States. The government carefully tracks diseases like cancer with central registries, but no such registry exists for schizophrenia or other severe mental illnesses.

On the other hand, research from Finland and Denmark, two countries that track mental illness more comprehensively, shows a significant increase in psychosis since 2000, following an increase in cannabis use. And in September of last year, a large federal survey found a rise in serious mental illness in the United States as well, especially among young adults, the heaviest users of cannabis.

According to this latter study, 7.5 percent of adults age 18-25 met the criteria for serious mental illness in 2017, double the rate in 2008. What's especially striking is that adolescents age 12-17 don't show these increases in cannabis use and severe mental illness.

A caveat: this federal survey doesn't count individual cases, and it lumps psychosis with other severe mental illness. So it isn't as accurate as the Finnish or Danish studies. Nor do any of these studies *prove* that rising cannabis use has caused population-wide increases in psychosis or other mental illness. The most that can be said is that they offer intriguing evidence of a link.

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Advocates for people with mental illness do not like discussing the link between schizophrenia and crime. They fear it will stigmatize people with the disease. "Most people with mental illness are not violent," the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) explains on its website. But wishing away the link can't make it disappear. In truth, psychosis is a shockingly high risk factor for violence. The best analysis came in a 2009 paper in *PLOS Medicine* by Dr. Seena Fazel, an Oxford University psychiatrist and epidemiologist. Drawing on earlier studies, the paper found that people with schizophrenia are five times as likely to commit violent crimes as healthy people, and almost 20 times as likely to commit homicide.

NAMI's statement that most people with mental illness are not violent is of course accurate, given that "most" simply means "more than half"; but it is deeply misleading. Schizophrenia is rare. But people with the disorder commit an appreciable fraction of all murders, in the range of six to nine percent.

"The best way to deal with the stigma is to reduce the violence," says Dr. Sheilagh Hodgins, a professor at the University of Montreal who has studied mental illness and violence for more than 30 years.

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The marijuana-psychosis-violence connection is even stronger than those figures suggest. People with schizophrenia are only moderately more likely to become violent than healthy people when they are taking antipsychotic medicine and avoiding recreational drugs. But when they use drugs, their risk of violence skyrockets. "You don't just have an increased risk of one thing—these things occur in clusters," Dr. Fazel told me.

Along with alcohol, the drug that psychotic patients use more than any other is cannabis: a 2010 review of earlier studies in *Schizophrenia Bulletin* found that 27 percent of people with schizophrenia had been diagnosed with cannabis use disorder in their lives. And unfortunately—despite its reputation for making users relaxed and calm—cannabis appears to provoke many of them to violence.

A Swiss study of 265 psychotic patients published in *Frontiers of Forensic Psychiatry* last June found that over a three-year period, young men with psychosis who used cannabis had a 50 percent chance of becoming violent. That risk was four times higher than for those with psychosis who didn't use, even after adjusting for factors such as alcohol use. Other researchers have produced similar findings. A 2013 paper in an Italian psychiatric journal examined almost 1,600 psychiatric patients in southern Italy and found that cannabis use was associated with a ten-fold increase in violence.

The most obvious way that cannabis fuels violence in psychotic people is through its tendency to cause paranoia—something even cannabis advocates acknowledge the drug can cause. The risk is so obvious that users joke about it and dispensaries advertise certain strains as less likely to induce paranoia. And for people with psychotic disorders, paranoia can fuel extreme violence. A 2007 paper in the *Medical Journal of Australia* on 88 defendants who had committed homicide during psychotic episodes found that most believed they were in danger from the victim, and almost two-thirds reported misusing cannabis—more than alcohol and amphetamines combined.

Yet the link between marijuana and violence doesn't appear limited to people with preexisting psychosis. Researchers have studied alcohol and violence for generations, proving that alcohol is a risk factor for domestic abuse, assault, and even murder. Far less work has been done on marijuana, in part because advocates have stigmatized anyone who raises the issue. But studies showing that marijuana use is a significant risk factor for violence have quietly piled up. Many of them weren't even designed to catch the link, but they did. Dozens of such studies exist, covering everything from bullying by high school students to fighting among vacationers in Spain.

In most cases, studies find that the risk is at least as significant as with alcohol. A 2012 paper in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* examined a federal survey of more than 9,000 adolescents and found that marijuana use was associated with a doubling of domestic violence; a 2017 paper in *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* examined drivers of violence among 6,000 British and Chinese men and found that drug use—the drug nearly always being cannabis—translated into a five-fold increase in violence.

Today that risk is translating into real-world impacts. Before states legalized recreational cannabis, advocates said that legalization would let police focus on hardened criminals

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rather than marijuana smokers and thus reduce violent crime. Some advocates go so far as to claim that legalization *has* reduced violent crime. In a 2017 speech calling for federal legalization, U.S. Senator Cory Booker said that "states [that have legalized marijuana] are seeing decreases in violent crime." He was wrong.

The first four states to legalize marijuana for recreational use were Colorado and Washington in 2014 and Alaska and Oregon in 2015. Combined, those four states had about 450 murders and 30,300 aggravated assaults in 2013. Last year, they had almost 620 murders and 38,000 aggravated assaults—an increase of 37 percent for murders and 25 percent for aggravated assaults, far greater than the national increase, even after accounting for differences in population growth.

Knowing exactly how much of the increase is related to cannabis is impossible without researching every crime. But police reports, news stories, and arrest warrants suggest a close link in many cases. For example, last September, police in Longmont, Colorado, arrested Daniel Lopez for stabbing his brother Thomas to death as a neighbor watched. Daniel Lopez had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and was "self-medicating" with marijuana, according to an arrest affidavit.

In every state, not just those where marijuana is legal, cases like Lopez's are far more common than either cannabis or mental illness advocates acknowledge. Cannabis is also associated with a disturbing number of child deaths from abuse and neglect—many more than alcohol, and more than cocaine, methamphetamines, and opioids combined—according to reports from Texas, one of the few states to provide detailed information on drug use by perpetrators.

These crimes rarely receive more than local attention. Psychosis-induced violence takes particularly ugly forms and is frequently directed at helpless family members. The elite national media prefers to ignore the crimes as tabloid fodder. Even police departments, which see this violence up close, have been slow to recognize the trend, in part because the epidemic of opioid overdose deaths has overwhelmed them.

So the black tide of psychosis and the red tide of violence are rising steadily, almost unnoticed, on a slow green wave.

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For centuries, people worldwide have understood that cannabis causes mental illness and violence—just as they've known that opiates cause addiction and overdose. Hard data on the relationship between marijuana and madness dates back 150 years, to British asylum registers in India. Yet 20 years ago, the United States moved to encourage wider use of cannabis and opiates.

In both cases, we decided we could outsmart these drugs—that we could have their benefits without their costs. And in both cases we were wrong. Opiates are riskier, and the overdose deaths they cause a more imminent crisis, so we have focused on those. But soon enough the mental illness and violence that follow cannabis use will also be too widespread to ignore.

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Whether to use cannabis, or any drug, is a personal decision. Whether cannabis should be legal is a political issue. But its precise legal status is far less important than making sure that anyone who uses it is aware of its risks. Most cigarette smokers don't die of lung cancer. But we have made it widely known that cigarettes cause cancer, full stop. Most people who drink and drive don't have fatal accidents. But we have highlighted the cases of those who do.

We need equally unambiguous and well-funded advertising campaigns on the risks of cannabis. Instead, we are now in the worst of all worlds. Marijuana is legal in some states, illegal in others, dangerously potent, and sold without warnings everywhere.

But before we can do anything, we—especially cannabis advocates and those in the elite media who have for too long credulously accepted their claims—need to come to terms with the truth about the science on marijuana. That adjustment may be painful. But the alternative is far worse, as the patients at Mid-Hudson Forensic Psychiatric Institute—and their victims—know.

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FROM: PUBLIC NOTICE
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I OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION FOR A MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FOR A RETAIL MARIJUANA STORE IN TOK, ALASKA. BUSINESS LICENSE NUMBER 1114348.

MY OBJECTIONS

1. MARIJUANA IS SPIRITUALLY, PHYCOLOGICALLY, AND PHYSICALLY ADDICTIVE TO HUMAN BODIES
2. SIDE EFFECTS INCLUD LASSITUDE, ANGER AND A STUPOR STATE TO COPE WITH ONESELF AND OTHERS.
3. LONGTERM HEAVY POT USE TURNS THE BRAIN CELLS INTO NON FUNCTIONING DEMENTIA
4. MARIJUANA QUALITY TODAY IS EQUAL TO OPIUM. OPIUM DENS IS THE FUTURE FOR MARIJUANA USERS.

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GOD WILL JUDGE YOUR CARE FOR HUMANS.

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July 25, 2019

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Robert Litwack
PO Box 634
Tok, Alaska 99780

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing an objection to the Tok retail marijuana store. My main concerns are that because marijuana will be more readily available to adults that it will trickle down to my students at Tetlin School. Drug use is already prevalent in the village and I do not want to see that enabled any further.
Also, Tok is one of the Gateways from Canada to the United States. The word 'Tok' already has marijuana connotation. I would rather not want to see Tok become a drug capital of Alaska and see more of those imbibing here just for a 'new' experience.
For myself this is more of a quality of life issue and I don't see it improving with this new store.

Thank you for your time,

Robert Litwack
Principal/Teacher Tetlin School

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a former social worker and a mother of 6 children - four of whom have profound special needs Due to Alcohol, Drugs, neglect and/or abuse and that were and are being adopted from the foster care system, my husband, Adult children & myself are fully aware of the Devastating affects of Alcohol, Marijuana, & Drugs in general to a community - especially its Children. Having Marijuana more easily available to a community already Struggling with drugs & alcohol is both frightening and overwhelming when we think of the short & long term results. We would like to state our objections to the application for the Marijuana Establishment License for Donald Davisson III & Johnathan Guest.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter!

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Sincerely,

Stephanie Roberts
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Seth Roberts
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(Our Adult children are 18-21 years old & currently are still in our home.)

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Opposition to License: #20844, Name: 'Tokin Up' Location: Mile Marker 1314 Alaska Highway South Side, Tok, Alaska

Alaska & Marijuana Control Office, April 27, 2019

The address is wrong on the application. The correct address is 1314 Alaska Highway.

The United States Census Bureau shows the Tok population to be 1,258 people as of 2010. This town of Tok has grown and the next census is to be conducted in 2020. On the Form MJ-12: Petition states that the population of five miles of the Tok US post office is only 473 people. This is a lie!

The whole city of Tok lies within five miles of the US post office with the exception of the Eagle subdivision, which is small. We have over a thousand people living within the five miles of the Tok Post Office.

This means that the pro petition is NOT complete as per 3AAC 306.030(b) states..." the board receives a petition to issue the license containing the signatures of two thirds of the permanent residents residing with a radius of five miles of the United States post office station nearest to the proposes licensed premises."

This requirement of two-thirds signatures has clearly not been met.

The press release also does not satisfy the requirement as per 3AAC306.025(b)(2)... "publishing an announcement once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area;..."

The Affidavit of Publication was placed in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and not in the local Tok newspaper 'Mukluk News'. The Fairbanks Daily News-Miner is not even sold in Tok! Tok has had no public notice!!!!!

Tok has three radio stations and one newspaper. Not one word has been published here in Tok but over 204 miles away the Fairbanks population has been duly notified. The only thing is, we don't live in Fairbanks, Alaska and we don't even get the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner here in Tok. The local grocery store does not even carry the newspaper. It does however carry the Mukluk News.

Strange thing that this is being done 'in' secret with no public notice to the Community of Tok and the surrounding area.

This alone shows such a gross disregard to the Alaska State Statues that this license #20844 Tokin-Up should not be granted by the State of Alaska. This is criminally negligent and shows that Alaska State laws do not matter and must be overcome at 'any cost'.

With no proper notification, the Tok population was not prepared for all of the canvassers that would be driving into people's private driveways. This was unforeseen and also unwelcome.

The people of Tok have had strange men trespassing on their property violating 'No

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Trespassing' signs all over Tok (Mine included). Remember that thieves are out and about and people are very uneasy to see unwanted, strange men wandering about their property. This is against the 'no trespassing' law. If not invited, a person is trespassing especially when posted.
AS 11.46.320. Criminal Trespass in the First Degree.
(a) A person commits the crime of criminal trespass in the first degree if the person enters or remains unlawfully
(1) on land with intent to commit a crime on the land; or
(2) in a dwelling.
(b) Criminal trespass in the first degree is a class A misdemeanor.

My personal experience is, a white pickup with a flatbed drove up while I was at work and my wife called me frightened because nobody will drive in the back yard past the 'No Trespassing' & 'Beware of Dog' signs.
Everybody comes to the front door which is warm and welcoming. She was afraid not knowing what these men wanted or intended to do. It just looked like they were up to no good when of all the sudden a 'Drug dealer' stepped out and wanted her to sign a petition to petal their drugs downtown in a local marijuana drug store they intended to open. The light was dimming and she could not see clearly. Remember just only three years ago, selling drugs (marijuana) was illegal in the State of of Alaska!
Many times these men drove past 'No Trespassing' signs in total breach of the law AS 11.46.320 all over Tok. This is criminal activity!

Another point of objection. The pro petition #20844 Tokin-Up canvassers have gone outside the five mile radius of the US Post Office mm 1314 Alaska highway as per 3AAC 306.030(b) and entered the Eagle sub division on the Alaska highway. Fireweed is 5.5 miles mm 1320, Tank farm rd mm 1321, Blackburn mm 1322, Pringal mm 1323. Mentasta Ave is in Eagle subdivision.
Look at Justin West page 1 line 3, Estelle Christman page 1 line 4, Ray Reilgiesen page 1 line 6, James Christman page 1 line 5, Wade Johnson page 4 line 1, Ken Hoffman page 4 line 22, Rachel Caldenwood/Eagle subdision page 6 line 22, Dannie Rutledge page 8 line 2,
Jill Powell page 8 line 4, Rion Sabin page 9 line 1, Dawn Cranor page 9 line 11,
Dee Leatherman page 10 line 20, Alecia Reetz page 12 line 22, David Estrada page 12 line 19, Sharon Hoot page 16 line 18, Larry Stienbarger page 17 line 17, Keorge Koolan page 17 line 18, George Koulas page 17 line 19, Richard Probert page 18 line 1, Dale Taitto page 18 line 2, Kevin Garriott page 18 line 3, Brenton Nedler page 20 line 4,

The pro-petition has been filled with either signatures who have signed twice such as Howard Brinkman signed once on page 1 line 9 and again on page 17 line 16, under the required voting age of 21 Jeanne Morris page 20 line 22, incomplete vote page 15 line 7 or do not even live in Tok.
The Petition has several non Tok residents signing, Joshua Miller page 1 line 17, M . Charles page 1 line 18, Belinda Thomas page 1 line 19, Daniel Rice/Dotlake page 8 line 5, Josh Dillard/Northway page 10 line 7, Moore John/Northway page 10 line 8, Darrell Davis/Northway page 10 line 10, Ken Thomas/Fairbanks page 10 line 13, Tavina Owens page 10 line 14, Mike Thomas/Tanacross page 11 line 10, Wendal

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Isaac/Mentasta Lake page 12 line 1, James Bennett, page 20 line 3, Brenton Nedler/ Skagway page 20 line 4.

Physical addresses are required for this pro petition. Post Office address' are not ac cepted on this form, look at Johnny Thomas page 2 line 2, Charles Lemher page 7 line 19, Shane Sam page 11 line 13, Elizibeth Page page 11 line 14, Pat Sullivan page 11 line 15, Jeff Gavazza page 11 line 16, David Briar page 11 line 18, Don Lachmt page 11 line 20, Amber Mitchell page 13 line 11, Banford Charles page 14 line 7, Janis Brooks page 14 line 19, Illegible vote page 15 line 8, Rory Warren page 15 line 9, Chris Raugh page 15 line 10, Melissa Nager page 15 line 11, Walter Sanford page 15 line 12, Scott Drukemiller page 15 line 13, Jo Scofield Weber page 15 line 14, Todd Austin page 15 line 15, Alex Paige page 15 line 16, Rachel White page 15 line 17, Matthew Nelson page 15 line 18, Dinasnay Easton page 15 line 22, and John Syder page 15 line 20.

The petition has been tampered with by adding addresses in after the signatures were signed. Look at the exact same handwriting on addresses, Shane Sam page 11 line 13, Elizibeth Page page 11 line 14, Pat Sullian page 11 line 15, Jeff Gavazza page 11 line 16, David Briar page 11 line 18, and Don Lachant page 11 line 19.

Another set of added address's after the petition was signed, look at Roy Warren page 15 line 9, Chris Rauch page 15 line 10, Melisa Nagor page 15 line 11, Walter Seafield page 15 line 12, Scott Drukemiller page 15 line 13, Jo Scofield Weber page 15 line 14, Todd Austin page 15 line 15, Alex Paige page 15 line 16, Rachel White page 15 line 17, Matthew Nelson page 15 line 18, Dinasray Easton page 15 line 19, John Snyder page 15 line 20. All name misspellings are the illegibility of the signer.

Another point of objection is that NOT one person signed the petition in opposition to this marijuana license #20844. What is up with that? Answer: I believe that the Community was not informed and the people of Tok did not even know that they could sign the petition in protest and that their vote would count. I wonder why?

This is a clear injustice that there was no fair and unbiased vote taken for the community of Tok by the State of Alaska at the traditional voting booth at the full cost to the State of Alaska but instead the 'drug dealers' themselves were sent out to invade peoples private property to compel them to vote to bring the hated marijuana drug store to Tok against its will. They received 100% of the vote! Imagine that!

If you grant this license #20844, named Tokin-up, then Donald Davisson III and Johnathon Guest will be laughing all the way to the bank at the full expense of all of the law abiding citizens here in Tok who have lived their entire lives obeying, enforcing and honoring the laws of the State of Alaska and also the United States Federal laws. This is not right. In fact, it is sick!

Ask the Alaska State Troopers (We have) who are going to have to deal with all of the increased problems that this rural community will face.

Talk to the Tok Clinic (We have) and ask them about all the increased emergency visits and the air medivacs (at $21,000.00 each!) that will happen when children, the old and even normal recreational users overdose on this powerful marijuana that will be sold if you grant this license #20844 named ‘Tokin-Up’.

Talk to all of the Counselors and mental health personal here in Tok how this is going to hurt this community. 'Broken lives' are their business.

This is not going to be a healthy business for the community of Tok but rather an

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increase in mental illness', increased crime, emergency air medivacs since Tok does not even have a hospital and etc and etc.

Ask the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals who just ruled that a medical marijuana card holder cannot purchase a firearm and that this is not a violation of the Second Amendment. They know the dangers of marijuana use!

This company 907 Promos, LLC is strait up committing criminal activities and on this alone this application license #20844 Name 'Tokin-Up should be denied. We the community of Tok are requesting the the State of Alaska to deny this license #20844 in the best interests of this most beautiful gateway city of Tok, Alaska.

How much more clear evidence is needed for you the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Board to act in favor of the Community of Tok by denying this license?

We further strongly suspect that as many as 30 or more signatures are from the villages surrounding Tok and are lying on the pro-petition as to their true residence.

We the community of Tok are asking you to vet all of these signatures by the State resources that only you have available to you such as the State of Alaska Voters registry (which also shows an accurate census of Tok, over 1,600 people) or the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles. We do not know all the people and strongly suspect that this petition has many more illegal signatures on it. Please help us vet these names.

The petitions need to be vetted against the State of Alaska voters Registry or the Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles records as to the true residence as per 3AAC 306.030(b) "The board will not approve a new license in an area that is 50 miles or more from the boundary of a local government unless the board receives a petition to issue the license containing the signatures of two-thirds of the permanent residents residing within a radius of five miles of the United States post office station nearest to the proposed licensed premises..."

Only the State of Alaska has the resources to accurately vet the true residents of Tok. A person may only have one place of residence as per 3AAC 306.030(d) “In this section, “permanent resident” means a person 21 years of age or older who has established a permanent place of abode. A person may be a permanent resident of only one place”.

There is a crime being committed here and it is the State of Alaska's responsibility to vet all of the names so that this crime is not allowed to continue.

Thank you A&MCO Board in advance in helping us vet these names.

Parting Thoughts

Marijuana use, transportation and sales is a federal crime and is classified as a Schedule 1 (same as heroin) substance by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Alaskans have foolishly legalized this to their own hurt.

These 'drug dealers' License #20844 named Tokin-Up, though now legal (by the State of Alaska but not by the Federal Government) are planning on

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selling $15,000.00 a month in marijuana products to our community of 1, 258 souls! This is a lot of marijuana considering that it is already legal and people who use it already grow their own locally.

Marijuana smoke will get everyone in the shared room or vehicle 'high'. Also,these food goodies will end up being eaten by children and older people who are being taken care of in our homes of Tok. This is sick! Everything that is sold legally is easily gotten a hold of by children.

The national average age of first marijuana use is only 12 years old! This will deliver high THC amounts to the most vulnerable ones around us that will be hurt by this legalization of marijuana.

Tok only has three or four Alaska State Troopers present on duty at a time that have to cover an area from the border to Northway, Eagle, Tetlin, Chicken, Tok, Tanacross, Dot Lake, and Mentasta. We have a full plate here already keeping the peace with a very low law enforcement footprint.

$15.000.00 in additional marijuana sales per month year round in our area with high THC content (up to 30%) will hurt the whole interior of Alaska with the only perceived gain being to 'line the pockets of of Drug dealers' who have now come to Tok to, 'help the town and surrounding area out'.

The town of Tok is a town of families, children and retired people. Tok does not need more drugs. The crime rate will rise if this establishment is allowed to open. There will bring an increase in thefts (to buy marijuana), driving while intoxicated (on marijuana), driving accidents with people and property hurt, arrests (marijuana and alcohol mixed), lost State and Federa l jobs, and the list goes on and on.

As a civil society, we Alaskans need to ask ourselves some very hard questions. Were our parents, grandparents and great grandparents 'so dumb' as to hate all the drug use that they saw during their lives as the 'tota l' destruction of the society that they held most dear?

We believe that they were the wisest ones among us! Our great grand parents and grandparents would 'Roll over in their graves' to know just how far their society has fallen in such a small amount of time.

And you know what? They would be right. We as a society today are repealing the laws in which they handed down to us to 'lovingly' protect their children and grandchildren. We as a society today, think that we know better than them but, do we really? I think, not.

Every generation must deal with those who wish to destroy the values and virtues that a civil society lives by, in order to preserve life. Life is precious and to destroy our protecting laws is to 'destroy' ourselves.

Our prisons are full, so we build more and yet we still refuse to see that by living a Godless life unlike that our grandparents lived somehow we will escape the destruction that God has warned us about in His Word.

Sin brings destruction. And this marijuana establishment is just another symptom that our society is 'self-destructing'. We just arrest and

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imprison all those who 'act out' to keep the rest of us safe from their rebellion. We ignore the fact that the price is 'too high' for not living as the Bible commands.

We pass laws that go against His Word, ignoring the fact that God is watching and recording everything for all the future generations to see. Everything that is done in secret is recorded in Heaven and there will be an accounting for every deed done and every word spoken.

The only way to enter God's heaven is to repent of our sins (rebellion) and ask Jesus into our hearts and begin to live for Him daily. Jesus died for everyone's sin. He loves everyone and this past Easter was celebrated by recognizing the death, burial and the raising from the dead the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

This resurrection has been recognized and celebrated for almost 2, 000 years. Our forefathers knew that sin destroys and they lived quiet, circumspect lives knowing full well that life is short and it matters what we believe and how we live this life.

Heaven awaits all those who will cast their souls upon Jesus and Hell awaits all those children of rebellion who refuse to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and Savior of their lives.

We the community of Tok are proud to be the 'Gateway City' into Alaska. We welcome all newcomers into this our great beautiful State of Alaska with all of the goodwill that we have, bringing a warm smile on all of our faces to greet all who come into our state.

If this license #20844, named 'Tokin-Up' is granted, then 'The Gateway City' of this our most beautiful State of Alaska will be known as…

"The place to come in Alaska and 'Tok up' in Tokin-Up in Tok Alaska the place to get high on marijuana!"

May God give you the A&MCO board the wisdom to do the right action.

Signed,

Alvin J. Bates for,
"The Community of Tok"

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Some suggested reading material:

THE HOLY BIBLE, a study guide of the *True mysteries* of the Universe and how to live a life to gain 'True Oneness' with our Creator.
Author: God breathed through 40 authors in 66 separate books.

MARIJUANA DEBUNKED, a handbook for parents, pundits and politicians who want to know the case *against* legalization.
Author: ED GOGEK, MD

MARIJUANA, THE UNBIASED TRUTH ABOUT THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR WEED
Author: KEVIN P. HILL, M.D.

TELL YOUR CHILDREN
THE TRUTH ABOUT MARIJUANA, MENTAL ILLNESS AND VIOLENCE.
Author: ALEX BERENSON
Former New York Times Reporter

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From: Alvin Bates
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: Re: 2019.4.20 License #20844 Name Tokin Up
Date: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 3:48:13 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Jacqlene Drulis,

Will the A&MCO board take action if this is filed just as an attachment? We do not think that it is our responsibility to correct their errors for them.

We are awaiting your response.

Alvin J. Bates

On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, 7:24:08 PM EDT, Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We have received your letter of opposition. For purposes of clarification, because the applicants are not copied in this email, are you not filing an objection per 3 AAC 306.065? If this is the case, we can attach your letter of opposition as a comment to the application packet, as well as, for the Marijuana Control Board to consider if the application gets deemed complete for Board review. Please clarify if you are or are not filing an objection per 3 AAC 306.065.

Respectfully,

Jacqlene Drulis

Occupational Licensing Examiner

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

From: Alvin Bates <whitefiremin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: 2019.4.20 License #20844 Name Tokin Up

Dear TJ Zielinski,

We the community of Tok have enclosed an letter of opposition to license #20844, named 'Tokin-Up'. location, Tok Alaska.

We appreciate your efforts but we will not be helping correct their errors.

Sincerely,

Alvin J. Bates for many in the community of Tok

On Friday, April 26, 2019, 12:20:35 PM EDT, Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov> wrote:

Good morning Alvin,

Objections for this application can be submitted at any time, up until thirty (30) days after the application has been deemed to be complete by our office (when all paperwork is in order and any errors have been fixed, generally). If an application is reviewed and found to need corrections, the applicants will have ninety days to submit the documents and corrections necessary to complete the application, or the application will be sent back. This application hasn't been reviewed yet, so due to that and the time allowed to submit corrections it is difficult to estimate when this application might be complete.

I stated this in an earlier email, but want to reiterate that you and any individual has the right to submit an objection to this application by submitting a written comment to AMCO and the applicant that lists the reasons for the objection, per 3 AAC 306.065. Objections can be sent to this email, marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov, and please also be sure to CC the applicants of the marijuana establishment. Objections can also be mailed, both to the applicant and AMCO at:

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600

Anchorage, AK 99501

Sincerely,

TJ Zielinski

Occupational Licensing Examiner

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From: Alvin Bates <whitefiremin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 12:21 PM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: 2019.4.20 License #20844 Name Tokin Up

TJ Zielinski,

How much time does the community of Tok have to submit a rebuttal? We see 30 days from what date?

Thank you,

Alvin J. Bates

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 3:14:13 PM EDT, Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov> wrote:

You are very welcome. Please see attached for a copy of the requested application, Tokin

Up License #20844.

Sincerely,

TJ Zielinski

Occupational Licensing Examiner

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

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From: Alvin Bates <whitefiremin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: Re: 2019.4.20 License #20844 Name Tokin Up

TJ Zielinski

Thank you for the email. Yes, I would like to continue in the information request for license # 20844, name 'Tokin-Up', location Tok Alaska.

You have answered some of our questions. Thank you again.

Alvin J. Bates

907-883-2547

whitefiremin@yahoo.com

On Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 1:13:04 PM EDT, Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your email, and I am sorry to hear that you have been having issues communicating with our office. Please see below for responses to your questions.

1. If and when this application is deemed complete, the petition will be included with the application that is brought to the Marijuana Control Board for consideration. The petition is Form MJ-12, which is available online at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/9/pub/MCB/MarijuanaApplication/MJ-12.pdf for reference.

Under the terms of 3 AAC 306.065, a person has the right to object to an application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to AMCO and the applicants of the marijuana establishment (including by email). An objection to an application must be received by our office within thirty (30) days of the application being deemed complete for that objection to be presented to the Board with the application during consideration (completed applications scheduled for consideration at the next upcoming Board Meetings are posted on AMCO's website in the "Marijuana Control Board" section for "Completed Applications"). There will also be opportunities for members of the public to speak while the application is being considered.

2. On the petition for the establishment (Form MJ-12), the applicants must identify whether they are within fifty miles of the boundary of a local government or fifty or more miles beyond the boundary. If they are within fifty miles, they must obtain signatures from the majority of permanent residents residing within one mile of the premises. If they are more than fifty miles from the boundary of a local government, they must submit a petition signed by two-thirds of the permanent residents within a five-mile radius of the nearest post office to the licensed premises.

The applicants are required to provide documentation and maps showing where the signatures were obtained, explaining how, and reporting the results. These documents are reviewed by AMCO staff as part of the review process before the application is deemed complete and scheduled to go before the Board. If an inadequate number of signatures were received (signatures from people living beyond the distances specified above, or addresses that can't be verified are not included in this count), the application will not be deemed complete.

3. This application was submitted to our office but has not yet been reviewed, so it is likely that the application will undergo revisions before being deemed complete and may end up looking quite different by that point. However, it can still be made available upon

request.

Let me know how you wish to proceed regarding your public record request, and if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

TJ Zielinski

Occupational Licensing Examiner

Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office

550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600

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From: Alvin Bates <whitefiremin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: 2019.4.20 License #20844 Name Tokin Up

Dear A&MCO

This letter is to inform your office that a petition of opposition was started April 7, 2019 to the proposed marijuana retail license #20844, name 'Tokin-up' in Tok, Alaska.

Tok is an unincorporated area and a few questions have arisen that need to be answered.

Question #1 When the pro petition is presented to your board, how can the general public here in Tok know so that we can also present our petition. There are two very strong positions on this subject and quite honestly, we feel as though we have been stone walled when we have called your office? As of now, we feel that your office is only concerned with rubber stamping their petition and ignoring this community.

We are a small community with families, children and retired people. Tok is the gateway into this most beautiful state of Alaska and this state will in the future (If this license is granted) will be touted 'as the Pot state where you can buy, grow, manufacture drugs and even open a pot restaurant'.

Question #2 According to 3 AAC 306.030(b) "...the board receives a petition to issue the license containing the signatures of two-thirds of the permanent residents residing with a radius of five miles of the United Stated post office station nearest to the proposed licensed premises."

We were told by your office verbally that there will be no vetting of the pro-petition signatures.

The pro petition team has been exceeding the limit of five miles by several miles. They are approaching people 7 miles out in Eagle subdivision. We also believe that people from The villages of Tetlin, Tanacross, Mentasta and Northway have signed the pro-petition while staying in Tok.

I ask again, how can the State of Alaska vet the names so that only Tok is voting?

Question #3 I would like to request 'a Public records request' to review license #20844, name Tokin-Up.

The Alaska State Regulations do not give an unincorporated area the same considerations that they do a local government. A local government has 60 days to protest as per 3AAC306.060(a). I believe it to be in the best interests of the State of Alaska to give the community of Tok the same consideration as it does a local government. This will ensure that all voices are heard and that everything is done legally and fair to the community of Tok.

My name is Alvin J. Bates and I am the contact person for the petition in opposition. My email is: whitefiremin@yahoo.com Phone 907-883-2547 P.O. Box 321 Tok Alaska, 99780

Please feel free to contact me as you have any questions.

Alvin J. Bates

From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
To: John Rusyniak; Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Cc: Kathy Morgan
Subject: RE: Letter of Opposition
Date: Tuesday, August 06, 2019 5:45:04 PM

Good afternoon,

This email will be logged as a public comment to the application for Tokin Up 20844. It is your responsibility to check back with us or check the agendas posted on our website https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/ if you wish to speak with the Marijuana Control Board about your public comment.

Additional information: in order for your comment to be considered an objection under 3 AAC 306.065 you must do the following and submit the proof to AMCO within 30 days of the application being deemed complete (applications deemed complete are also posted on our website for 30 days):

1. Your objection must contain the license number and the name of the establishment you are objecting to
2. You must provide a copy of your objection to the applicant via mail or email.
3. Proof of the submission to the applicant must be provided to our office (AMCO).

Thank you
Jane Sawyer
Occupational Licensing Examiner
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
907-269-0350

From: John Rusyniak <john.rusyniak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 5:52 PM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Cc: Kathy Morgan <kathy@tokak.us>
Subject: Letter of Opposition

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To Whom It Concerns:

I want to go on record in OPPOSITION to the current application for a marijuana establishment in the town of Tok for the following reasons:

1. Said establishment is less than 1 mile from our K-12 school.
2. Said establishment is less than 1 mile from 4 churches.
3. Said establishment is less than 1 mile from Head start preschool.

If there were to be a marijuana establishment in Tok I would prefer that it is out of town a few miles away from all of these young minds.

Sincerely,

John A. Rusyniak

Cc: Tok Community Umbrella Corporation

From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
To: Jeff Sulfridge; Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: RE: Obejection to marijuana store in Tok Alaska
Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 12:56:00 PM

Good afternoon,

This email will be logged as a public comment to the application for Tokin Up 20844. It is your responsibility to check back with us or check the agendas posted on our website https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/ if you wish to speak with the Marijuana Control Board about your public comment.

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Thank you
Jane Sawyer
Occupational Licensing Examiner
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
907-269-0350

From: Jeff Sulfridge <jeffsulfridge@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 27, 2019 2:10 PM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: Obejection to marijuana store in Tok Alaska

please find attached our letter of objections for a marijuana store in Tok Alaska

Jeff & Shelly Sulfridge

Missionaries;
Northern Lights Missions, Tok Alaska
PO Box 889 Tok Alaska. 99780
Cell 907-505-9127 Office 907-883-5197

7/27/2019

Jeff & Shelly Sulfridge, Northern Lights Missions, Tok Alaska

Hello AMCO (to whom it may concern)

We are in protest of the marijuana store in Tok Alaska for several reason.

My wife and I work here in Tok and operate a faith based ministry to help the local people and we see so many people that are dependent on drugs and alcohol, we have worked and paid from our ministry to help two different individuals go to rehab for substance abuse issues. We understand that it is the discretion of the users to make sound and wise decisions but also we understand and believe that the presence of a local store along with the terminology of marijuana being legalized in our state is misinterpreted by many users and especially children and young adults.

The population of Tok by the latest census is only about 1200 people in a fifty mile radius, with this in mind there is no way Tok could support a marijuana store and therefore we know that the sellers will be targeting users that are passerby's and visitors to our state, I believe this will also increase issues at the borders because the drug will be almost impossible to regulate without increased cost to keep it from being illegally taken across the border.

Tok also has many kids that walk to and from school and the location of the store will be located along the path of these children, again our concern for interpretation of the law and also the safety of our children. The store would only be approximately 2500 ft from the school building.

And in addition to these issues the property selected for the store has minimal parking and access therefore the state right of way will be used for access and parking, in my opinion this would mean that the state is promoting or supporting the activity through and by allowing the use of state property for said reasons.

Sincerely

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Northern Lights Missions

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From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
To: "Nancy Arpino"; Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: RE: object
Date: Friday, July 26, 2019 2:43:00 PM

Good afternoon,

This email will be logged as a public comment to the application for Tokin Up. It is your responsibility to check back with us or check the agendas posted on our website https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco/ if you wish to speak with the Marijuana Control Board about your public comment.

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Thank you

Jane Sawyer
Occupational Licensing Examiner
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
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From: Nancy Arpino <nancyarpino@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: object

Hello:

We object to permitting TokinUp Business License #1114348 to open a retail marijuana store in Tok, Ak.

Thank you

Bill and Nancy Arpin0
PO Box 111
Tok, Ak 99780

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From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
To: Range Rider
Cc: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: RE: Objection to retail marijuana store at Tok Alaska to AMCO
Date: Tuesday, August 06, 2019 5:42:21 PM

Good evening,

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Thank you
Jane Sawyer
Occupational Licensing Examiner
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
907-269-0350

From: Range Rider <lukecoolbreeze@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: Objection to retail marijuana store at Tok Alaska to AMCO

There is no beingn influence on our community by the presence of a marijuana store. No positive benefit whatsoever for our town or our young people, most particularly. If the 'open minded 'new age culture has ever produced any good in its promotion of sin, Godless rebellion, and various forms of intoxication, it is not evident to any rational person. Please consider your children and grandchildren . What do you want them to be?

I oppose this 'business '
Bill Urban
PO box 272
Tok Alaska
99780

From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
To: "Nancy Arpino"; Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: RE: objection
Date: Friday, July 26, 2019 2:48:00 PM

Good afternoon,

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From: Nancy Arpino <nancyarpino@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: objection

We object to the application for Marijuana Establishment license for :
License #111436 TokinUp

Entity #1 number 10099965 Donald Davisson lll PO Box 874423 Wasilla Ak.

Entity #2
Johnathon Guest
2521 E Mountain View Drive S unit b PMB 545

Wasilla, Ak

We do not want this in Tok.

Nancy Arpino
Bill Arpino

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From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
To: Kate Nikle-Roper; Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: RE: Tok Alaska pending licensing
Date: Tuesday, August 06, 2019 5:46:45 PM

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Occupational Licensing Examiner
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
907-269-0350

From: Kate Nikle-Roper <shalag888@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2019 4:51 PM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: Tok Alaska pending licensing

I object to a license being granted to Donald Davisson and Johnathon Guest to sell marijuana and other drug substances in Tok. Tok is NOT a borough and proper monitoring of said shop would be in question. The amount of TCH in the marijuana to be sold is considered a very dangerous level for psychosis, and young and also uniformed individuals having access to the same could lead to their death or permanent brain dysfunction. I believe medical practitioners will verify this conclusion.

Kate-Nikle Roper
Tok, Alaska

From: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
To: Gary Cocozzo; Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: RE: Tokin up
Date: Friday, July 19, 2019 8:23:58 AM

Good morning,

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Jane Sawyer
Occupational Licensing Examiner
Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office
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From: Gary Cocozzo <garycocozzo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:58 AM
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored) <marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov>
Subject: Tokin up

We do not need a marijuana shop here in Tok for many reasons. Tok has many issues with drug and alcohol abuse. We have a meth problem here and an alcohol problem already. Marijuana will only add to the problem. So yes I object to a pot shop here in Tok.

Gary Cocozzo

From: Johnson Buddy
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: TOKIN UP licensi
Date: Sunday, August 25, 2019 12:29:02 PM

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re: lic.# 20844 retail marijuana store dba TOKIN UP located in Tok, Alaska

We are writing to protest a marijuana outlet coming into Tok. We voted against legalization of marijuana in Alaska. Marijuana is an entry drug for our young people. It has been proven to have serious effects on the maturing brain between ages 15 and 23. We know 45year old people who started with marijuana and have the maturity of a 15 year old. They show a lack of motivation and responsibility. We realize there is an age limit for purchasing marijuana, however they still get their hands on liquor and there is an age limit. Meth and other drugs are readily available in Tok. To have a store that sells marijuana seems to say to our youth that marijuana is not dangerous when it actually is. Signed Pam and Bud Johnson

From: Helen Windus Olson
To: Marijuana Licensing (CED sponsored)
Subject: We object to a pot store
Date: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 4:12:52 PM

I am a land/home owner in Tok.
I have explained profusely to
"Tokin up" folks why we do not want it in our town of Tok Ak!
They seem very arrogant And ASSURED it will happen!
I live directly behind the store!
Already there is a serious alcohol problem on the front side of my property with foot traffic of the alcoholics! Plus there is a known METH house down the street!
This is Not what We Desire for our neighborhood!My son is A DA for the state of Alaska we know the problems recreational drugs bring into a community!
Please reconsider denying there application ! Thank you
Sincerely
Ole and Helen Olson
Box 106
Tok
AK
99780

Licensee 20844
Doing business in our town!
Please STOP this from happening

Sent from my iPhone