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To: Jeff Burrows; Dan Huls; Chris Taggart; Greg Chilcott; Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Help Florence, MT Community from Dispensary loop holes.
Attachments: CCD Head Supervisor Email.pdf; Loophole1.pdf; Loophole2.pdf

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a Concerned Parent and a Member of Florence, MT Community. This letter is concerning two Marijuana Dispensary's that have and are trying to open in Florence. (Bloom and Mountain Herbs) After reviewing Montana Law HB 701 Section 54. 16-12-207 page 81-82 par (3)(iii), it clearly states that the "Department SHALL DENY any Marijuana licensee that is within 500 feet of a school or a place of worship. These two businesses have exploited loopholes that are in the law stated above. These two businesses are clearly not following the spirit of the law set forth by Montana. As you can see from my attached documents Bloom is trying to open a Dispensary located less than 100 feet from my son's PRESCHOOL and Mountain Herbs is less than the 500 feet requirement to a place of worship.

I know that your departments are extremely busy and have a lot on your plates, but PLEASE don't let these two businesses slip through the cracks. I know there are Dispensary's and Marijuana licensee's out there who are trying to do it right and follow Montana's laws as it is attended to read, but it is businesses like the two stated above who are giving Montanans that are trying to run a law-abiding company a bad name.

After talking to multiple parents at Lil Sprouts Preschool and more than fifty Florence, MT citizens about the two companies and their inability to follow the law or the ability to find loopholes in the system, I can tell you that the community is outraged! Please find it in your hearts to remedy these issues for our community and our children.

I have contacted the Cannabis Control Division head supervisor (Devin Keller) and he replied to me with an email that I have attached. He clearly spells out how the two companies have worked the system and there is nothing that they can do. He did mention the only way we can get items in the law changed is through our local government. "YOU" Please take a look at this issue and help our community. Thank you for your time and your consideration in this issue.

Sincerely,

Concerned Parent and member of Florence, MT community

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