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To whom it may concern,

It is my understanding that the marijuana industry is interested in building a facility in your jurisdiction. As the Project Director of the METRICH Enforcement Unit, I have opposed Issue 2 and I am against bringing a recreational marijuana manufacturing facility into our county.

We're a community of children and families and at some point, revenue should not be placed above maintaining the security and sanctity of our community and your families.

States such as Colorado, Washington, and California, where these facilities are allowed, have seen increased crime. Below are a few headline examples which are from 2022:

DENVER ([KDVR](#)) — Nearly two dozen people face accusations of organized crime in the burglaries of more than 40 marijuana dispensaries around Denver, resulting in the theft of approximately \$780,000 in cash and property.

Fatal shooting of Oakland police officer renews fears of crimes around Bay Area cannabis shops.

Washington pot shops call on the state to improve protection from violent robberies.

Cannabis shops prove easy prey for criminals | Greater LA.

It is my opinion that these manufacturing facilities would result in the same type of criminal activity that the above states are experiencing if allowed in our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Porch".

Keith Porch
METRICH Project Director