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REPRESENTING: _____
BILL # or SUBJECT: HB 79 & SB 30
COMMITTEE: House Judiciary & Senate Judiciary DATE: 1-30-15

To the members of the House & Senate Judiciary Committees:

I have been researching this issue to better involve myself in local meetings here on the Kenai Peninsula. During my research I ran across the ordinance that is in place in Butte County, California.

I have talked to people there, in California, about this, including representatives on their board.

They said that they too had struggled with this issue since they had legalized marijuana for medical use a few years ago.

Problems grew and grew until both sides of the issue understood that something had to be done to corral the situation.

After 40 public meetings, lots of discussions, and lots of give and take they came up with a 37-page ordinance (attached).

I am being told that this has helped them a lot.

Grow operations are out of sight, crime is down, and shootings are all but gone now.

Jokingly I was told that even the cows are happier now.

I don't send this to you as a cureall, but I feel that there are things in this ordinance that you may find very useful as you try to deal with the issue before all of us now.

I personally am not a happy camper about this passing in the first place, but in this ordinance I see several things I could live with.

Please look it over and good luck in your deliberations.

Thank you,

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