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proposed dispensary law

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I was recently made aware of a new proposed law for marijuana dispensaries in the town of Clinton. As a retired New York State Trooper Sergeant, I have a vast amount of experience with marijuana, none of it good ! One of the few times I agreed with former governor Cuomo was when he said marijuana was "a gateway drug" meaning it leads to harder drugs. Unfortunately, his values were compromised when he thought he could make a great deal of money from taxes on it by legalization despite the serious health and quality of life issues caused by legalization.

I am totally opposed to any dispensaries in the Town of Clinton at all. In addition to that I am appalled that you would feel that it is necessary to pass a law that would place these dispensaries in the hamlets, where the population density is the greatest. I was born in Clinton in 1944 and moved to Schultsville in 1947 and have lived in my current home since 1971. To place a marijuana dispensary in the small area encompassed by our hamlets is unconscionable in my mind. Why should the hamlet residents be exposed to a potential high volume of people coming in to buy what should still be an illegal substance? I feel that the people purchasing this are not the kind of people you'd want in your neighborhood. Adding to that in your proposed law you require road frontage on a county or state rd., for Schultsville that means Centre Rd which would limit the location to near my residence. Also under section H (3) you require odor control for the site, I feel it is impossible to mask or eliminate the surrounding odor of marijuana, it is a **stench** that permeates its surrounding area whether it is secured wrapped or not, and you will be causing an constant annoyance to anyone who lives near a dispensary. Under section H (7) hours of operation you state that they shall not operate from 2am to 8am but leave the potential for 8am to 2am (18Hours) you also state they shall not be restricted to hours of operation of less than 70 hours per week. **Think about that, so they theoretically could be open 18 hrs a day 7 days a week or 126 hours a week!** Why would you want an undesirable dispensary to be allowed such potential leeway? I would say 9am to 5pm Monday thru Friday would sound less intrusive on the neighbors. Now for the bottom line of potential tax revenue, (this is what caused Cuomo to do a flip flop) Supervisor Whitton is quoted in an article in the "The Daily Catch" as saying "it's very unlikely that we will get a dispensary in Clinton". If his statement is correct then there doesn't appear to be an incentive to allow dispensaries in Clinton, I will add that even if there was an amount recovered on any tax on a dispensary it would be far outweighed by the negative effect of a marijuana dispensary on the quality of life on the current residents of those in proximity to the dispensaries, Another consideration is the property values of those residents who live near a dispensary. I am sure that they selling price of my home would decline if a dispensary was nearby, would the town lower my assessment after allowing a dispensary?

In my statements I have used the term marijuana which is the term I'm used to , please consider that to reflect your term cannabis.

I implore you to consider my concerns and not to pass your proposed law directing any dispensaries to be located in the hamlets and if possible removing dispensaries as an allowable use in the Town of Clinton

Thank you
Russ Tompkins