

## Linda Ann Kuller

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**From:** Lynda Guernsey  
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 8:22 AM  
**To:** Linda Ann Kuller  
**Subject:** FW: Marijuana Moratorium

Hi Linda,

Please see the email below that came into the DCD inbox.

Regards,  
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After sending my previous letter this came out on NPR: [As Vaping Illnesses Rise, Doctors Warn Of Possible 'Irreversible Damage' To Lungs](#)



### As Vaping Illnesses Rise, Doctors Warn Of Possible 'Irreversible Damage'...

With more than 500 cases of acute vaping illness reported, doctors worry about the long-term effects on patients...

“So far, it appears that most patients have fallen ill after vaping THC — a psychoactive component in cannabis — nicotine or a combination of both.” In the 9/21/2019 edition of the Seattle Times was a report: “Second case of vaping-related illness confirmed in King County” “Most people who have fallen ill nationally reported using products containing THC...” Finally, on NPR 9/22/2019 [Encore: Legal Marijuana Is A Danger To Dogs](#)



**Encore: Legal Marijuana Is A Danger To Dogs**

As more states legalize marijuana, there's one group that's seen an increase in accidentally getting high: dogs...

was a report of people’s dogs getting into their marijuana and having had to take their pets to vets for emergency help. On 9/25/2019 was another news report which stated that there are now 8 vaping deaths many of which used THC instead of nicotine.

Marijuana is quickly becoming a more dangerous drug then we had thought; every day it seems there is another shocking report about its use. I, for one, am extremely concerned about its production being allowed in this county. The health of the communities could easily be at risk and I question whether the council is prepared to take responsibility for any problems arising from its legalization. If our area could grow tobacco and considering what we know about this product would we be willing to allow it being grown commercially? I suspect not.

I believe we need, for the immediate future, to put an indefinite moratorium on any new permits for the commercial production for this substance. It is far easier to retroactively allow something than to allow it and then ban it later. Also, I suggest a impartial committee be assigned to look into the details of growing this product in this county.

Just because this drug is legal does not mean we can be lax about its production and use. We need to be proactive and extremely cautious. The longer this drug is around the more evidence comes out about its disastrous consequences. The health and lives of people will be on the heads of the legislators who failed to regulate this commodity to the fullest extent possible. Something that generates an income is not benign and can even harm a community. Again, at this time I feel we should not allow any new commercial permits. Personal use and production is another matter.

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