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David Valadao  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 2174  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2312 (Ammiano). Controlled Substances  
Notice of Opposition**

Dear David Valadao:

On behalf of the City of Lemoore, I regret to inform you that we oppose Assembly Bill 2312. This effort is premature and would create additional costs to our city. We respectfully request you take no further action on this bill until the California Supreme Court delivers its decision on three important medical marijuana regulation cases later this year, including *Pack v. City of Long Beach*.

Medical marijuana regulation is a complex issue. Potential conflicts between state and local authority have been the source of many lawsuits with varying outcomes. It simply makes more sense to understand the extent of both local and state powers in this area following the Supreme Court rulings before the Legislature establishes a new statewide regulatory scheme.

In addition to being premature, AB 2312 would require cities to permit a minimum number of dispensaries based on the total population in the jurisdiction. For cities of all sizes, this bill creates an additional burden should a city wish to establish a different standard to meet the needs of their community. Our resources would be better spent on providing services to our community in all areas of need, not just medical marijuana regulation.

For all of these reasons, the City of Lemoore opposes AB 2312. If you have questions regarding our position, please contact me at (559) 924-6700.

Sincerely,

Willard Rodarmel  
Mayor

cc: Honorable Michael Rubio, 16th District Senator, via fax: 916/327-5989  
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