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Hello members of the California Air Resources Board-

I thank you for allowing us to speak to you today.

For the past 54 years, starting in 1969, I have been a metal finisher and my company employs 85 full time hard working people and 25 sub contractors.

Additionally, I am active in our professional metal finishing association by being a Board Member for the last 31 years, and our association has recently sponsored an informational booth for Earth Day 2023 at the Hyperion Water Treatment plant in

PLAYA DEL REY CA

CARB is proposing to stop Hex Chrome plating even though we have installed state of the art engineered environmental controls and have provided scientifically validated air source testing that documents our controls are really doing what is prescribed.

I am 75 years old and when I was in high school I was growing Cannabis for personal consumption.

We all knew it was not healthy and certainly NOT legal.

I'd like to enlighten CARB to the air and noise

pollution that established commercial cannabis growers in Downtown LA spew into the air from their growing operations as follows:

- The smoke from Cannabis is permeating most of DTLA including the local CVS drug store across from my business where it is sold in the same building.
- To supply their “grow lights” with power, that establishment uses a 200 kilo watt diesel generator running 24 hrs a day 365 days a year for the past 3 years.
- The noise pollution from that generator exceeds 85 decibels and
- The drippage of oil that from that diesel motor covers the ground around the generator and has been washed into our stormwater system and into the oceans during the past 3 years of rain

This growing business only employees 2 full time gardeners and yet contributes tons of harmful emissions.

Another grower just 1/4 mile west of our plating shop utilizes two 200 Kilo watt generators making even more pollution and noise and this equipment

also blocks the new city of DTLA handicap side walk just finished. The generators are protected by an installed chain link fence right where people have to walk forcing them to enter into the busy street for their safe passage.

How is it that this is allowed and Hex chrome plating will be stopped.

Chrome plating emissions have not killed anybody but cannabis consumption has destroyed so many of our children's ambitions and futures and leads to ever increasing consumption of hard core drug abuse from Meth and Cocaine.

We even tax the product that is a poison and drug that kills destroys the lungs of children and adults too that have to re-breathe the second hand smoke.

Marijuana has many of the same toxins ,irritants, and carcinogens as tobacco smoke.

So I ask if we have no proof that hex chrome kills but we all know that marijuana and the violence associated with its distribution and money laundering operations kills and this also is destroying our children's ambitions and many adults as well why we are singling out hex chrome and do

nothing about Cannabis? I feel this is all political
and really no health benefits will be achieved. I ask
you to REGULATE NOT ELIMINATE IF YOU
BELIEVE THAT MORE IS REQUIRED

Our association supports the continued control
of hex emissions but to do NOTHING ABOUT
CANNABIS IS A CRIME, TO THSE YOU ARE
SWORN TO PROTECT- OUR COMMUNITIES
AND OUR CITIZENS

Please if you want the pictures and locations call
me.
