

My name is Laura Underwood and I live 5 miles East of Sandy next to the Candy Farm which has been purchased and now being used as a marijuana grow and marijuana candy processing site. I have lived there with my brother for 21 years.

25 years ago I became the caregiver, guardian and conservator of my special needs brother, a promise that was made to our dying mother. We lived in separate apartments in Gresham and decided that it would be a better living arrangement and financial decision to invest our monies into a home with property. I happened to own a horse and was boarding her on the 6 acres I now own. I told the property owner that I was looking for a place to buy in the Sandy area as I have always loved the small town. The property owner had told me that he had just obtained a permit to place a manufactured home on the 6 acres. I asked if I could buy a home to put on the land and he agreed, in two days I bought a home, this was in 1994. I leased the 6 acres for 10 years. My agreement with the property owner was that I had the first

right of refusal to purchase the land. On the 10th year the land owner called me up to ask if I was ready to buy and of course, my answer was yes!

My brother, dog and horses have lived peacefully in a beautiful natural safe paradise, a "dream". We have been blessed with great neighbors who are like family. We are always there to help one another.

My friends were concerned about my brother being to isolated but I quickly found a wonderful place where they accepted all types of volunteers. This was the "Sandy Community Action Center". He soon became "Mr. P.R." and gained popularity in our community of Sandy and became volunteer of the year. He gave pep talks to people who either lost a job, lost their home to fire or to individuals who were paying their civic dues via community service. John was there for 20 years with a smile, a kind word and an offer of support to those in need.

Over the years I have made improvements to the land and home. Cross horse fencing, a 5 stall

barn, new roof with eaves, a porch cover and a large carport.

It has been so peaceful to live here without the worry of theft. This has been a dream since childhood to own a place where I could have horses and feeling safe. Not to mention a good investment for our future retirement.

Now being next to a marijuana grow operation which includes edible marijuana candy and knowing that they will have the most sophisticated security system in the area. We will have cameras filming us daily, we will lose our privacy, the quality of our lives, safety and our property values. Would any of you want to live next door to a large marijuana grow operation knowing all of this. Would you be comfortable knowing that you are constantly being watched. Be honest and ask yourself these questions. I bet your reply would be "Not in my Neighborhood"!