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**Subject:** Marijuana Grow Water Consumption

Hello, Chris —

Not sure we've met. My wife Susie and I are long time supporters. I was talking with Pete Lacouture the other day about concerns my colleagues and I have regarding the water consumption associated with marijuana cultivation.

As a member of the Joint Legislative Commission studying marijuana legalization, as well as my prior experience as a Town Councilman in Exeter; the Washington County Regional Planning Council, etc. I've developed a bit of awareness regarding issues like streamflow, pesticide contamination, etc. Many people may not be aware that a typical 'greenhouse' MJ grow being licensed at this point consumes a heck of a lot of water. Our research indicates that just the applications already approved will represent an annual draw of more than 60 million gals per year. And there are many more in the pipeline. Many of these are being sited in the W-P Watershed.

I'm hoping to visit with you to discuss this issue soon. Your expertise would be very helpful in evaluating the research we have already accumulated from Western states who have been dealing with this problem. How might we best get together?

I can be reached via e-mail or phone/text at (401-286-0804) ...

Best regards from both Susie and me. We appreciated your recent card.

— Mike

*"A man has only so much knowledge as he puts to work."*

St. Francis of Assisi

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