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To: Lawrence, Kansas City Commissioners-

We ask you to NOT further this proposal (Drug Policy Forum of Kansas).

There are dangerous changes being recommended in this proposal. To reduce the harms of drug use and drug prohibition. To lower penalties, fines, consequences for the use of illegal drugs, (and this is ILLEGAL DRUG use), is a giant step backwards. Actually it's inappropriate, (to use a decent word.)

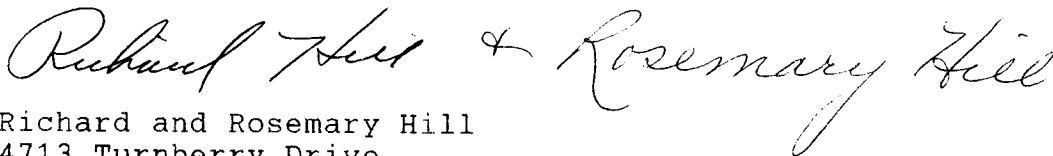
Have we not progressed from slaps on the wrist for this illegal use of drugs. (i.e., not letting a fine be so high that it becomes a financial burden). A burden for who? Can't believe I read this in a Journal World account quoting a Commissioners.

These proposed recommendations seem to be flying through your agenda. Very unlike many many other issues that would and have indeed affect our entire community. This proposal perhaps needs more input from the public. Yes, I know we aren't always aware of the volume of issues you face all the time and we, like you, are perhaps too busy. We do appreciate the efforts and the time you spend for the benefit of the community as commissioners. We thank you for all you do. However, look at this long and earnestly. It is not a slap wrist issue. This will give our young people the impression that it isn't a big bad thing at all. And it is, don't you think so too?

We have lived in Lawrence close to 40 years, have raised our family here, have grandchildren here. This issue does not send a good message to people, young or old.

Please do not, do not, do not vote this proposal through.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Hill & Rosemary Hill". The ink is dark and the writing is fluid.

Richard and Rosemary Hill
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