

December 10, 2021 – *via email transmission to Committee staff*

I cannot begin to express what the "legal sale" of fireworks has done to disrupt the peace and tranquility of my home which I pay taxes on as well as how it has affected my 3 pups. They are absolutely terrified to the point where we tried to medicate them (which does not help). The doctor prescribed medication that we had to give to the dogs 2 hours before any occurrence. So we had to drug them up every night 2 hours before dark in the event that there would be fireworks or we have to just take a chance and hope there were no fireworks but the meds do not do a thing. Our one pup is now 17 is very hard of hearing but when he sees the other two, he goes crazy as well. They have actually pooped in the house because they were so afraid. Now, all 3 are put in the car while we wander aimlessly for 2 or 3 hours until the insanity stops.

We fostered a pup when the fireworks were landing in our backyard and the poor dog actually went crazy and attacked us. (I attached pictures from when we went to the emergency room.) As a result, that poor pup had to be put down the next day because she was no longer adoptable due to attacking us. She was terrorized.

When they were landing in my back yard, I respectfully asked them to stop on our neighborhood page. They responded by throwing an M80 at my car. When I call the police they tell me it is legal when it is not. How can it be justified to legally buy something that is illegal to use? For tax \$? Let us just legalize cocaine, tax it but do not legalize using it. Do you really think that people would not use it?

I know so many pet owners whose pets suffer as mine do ~ just go to ACCT right around a holiday and most recently any night of the week. These cats and dogs run out of their own homes out of FEAR.

PLEASE reverse this ~ you have the power to do so. I don't, my neighbors don't, and most especially our pets don't.

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