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To: Grp. City Council and City Web Site
Subject: Support the Effort to Decriminalize Nature in Missoula
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Dear City Council,

My name is Cassie Williams. I am a Missoula constituent residing in Ward 6. I write to you today to ask for your vote in favor of the resolution to decriminalize nature in Missoula.

The war on drugs has disproportionately harmed marginalized communities, and criminalizing entheogenic plants and fungi has made it harder for Missoulians to retain stable employment and housing. Rather than perpetuating the harmful and archaic drug policies from the 1970s, our community asks you to help us to move forward towards policies that help people. There is an abundance of scientific research and anecdotal evidence demonstrating the propensity for entheogenic substances to treat clinical depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and substance abuse disorder, as well as to providing humane end-of-life care. If you are not yet familiar with this burgeoning field of research, I invite you to look into the encouraging and hopeful discoveries being uncovered in the realm of mental health and entheogenic medicines.

For all of these reasons and more, I urge you to support this resolution with a yes vote.

Thank you for reading this, and thank you kindly for all of your hard work for our community.

All the best,

Cassie Williams