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Hello there,

As a parent of a swimmer on the Sea Serpents I urge you to resume the selling of fireworks in Sebastopol for the 2021 season. I understand greatly the fire danger, however in my opinion 90% if not more of our customers use them correctly in a safe manner not posing fire danger enjoying our Independence with their family and friends. Just because you ban them, it isn't going to stop people from bringing them in from other towns/out of area that sell them. When you bring in out of state, illegal fire works that poses a bigger problem as they are definitely more dangerous to our fire prone areas. If we sell the smaller safe and sane fireworks it will discourage people from having to go out of state to purchase the large ones that pose much greater threat.

The money raised for our team and the other non-profit organizations is something that is HUGE. Both my children have been members of the sea serpents, the youngest one currently is and it's been a saving grace during this pandemic. She is able to stay in shape and still see peers most weekdays. Without this huge fundraiser our monthly dues will have to increase and it'll become so unaffordable for so many. Our swim team services so many families in our community and I feel it's essential.

Thanks for your thoughts and considerations.

Best,
Bridget Ross
Parent of a Sebastopol Sea Serpent swimmer