

Supervisor Haschak,

I am writing to express how integral it is the Board of Supervisors reinstate a standing cannabis committee to ensure adequate oversight of the Mendocino County Cannabis Program. It is critical our local leadership have an in depth understanding of what operators are facing at both a local and state level. My small farm has received a county permit, but we are still in the Appendix G process. We are approved equity applicants, yet are still in the back and forth process of perfectly executing our grant application with limited information and confusing timelines. To be frank, it seems like the goal post always moves.

I concur with MCA's recommendation the board allocate time to review any possible policy and procedural changes recommended through grant funding from LJAGP. These funds are intended to assist operators in transitioning from a Provisional to an Annual license. I am concerned the timeline of executing the funds does not match the timeline we are facing to transition to an annual license. I would also like to recommend this grant funding be made available retroactively. Many of us have been in this process and invested considerably to date. Offering reasonable retroactive support would make a positive impact on the ability of our business to stay operational during these challenging times in the cannabis market at large.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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