

Dear County Supervisors,

I'm writing in support of a No on big grows in Mendocino County vote. In 2016 I was one of the many voters in this county that voted No on measure AF. Your role as county supervisors is to support what your residents of Mendocino County see as the right option for them. You should not be over ruling the public's requests to suit an agenda of your own.

Although you believe this might be in the best interest for the board and county, imagining millions of dollars rolling into our county. It has proven to not support itself with the current situation with small permitted grows that we currently have.

With a small ranch in the Willits area I find it hard to believe that you could simply put our ranches, rangelands, and surrounding areas in jeopardy. We are currently in the middle of a drought, have had some of the worse fire seasons ever, and yet you are contemplating over riding the vote of your residents.

With the current permitting status for smaller grows it has proven that we are not prepared for an even larger model. The permitting process and fees are not enough to cover the administrative side, the cleanup of environmental damage, as well as support our local Police Departments and Sheriffs Office with the increase of crimes associated with it.

We are currently seeing with these smaller grows the destruction of the environment, neglect for our land, water resources, and lack of respect for our communities. I am witness to outsiders coming in and working on these grows, not locals but people from out of state and country. They do not care about our county as we do and it is evident from the way they literally trash our home towns. They drain supporting resources, squat on properties, leave a trail of trash behind, and are not contributing to our local businesses. There are many locations that you personally can drive by and see the destruction it has caused, and I urge you to do so before making your vote.

You may think that the larger commercial grows may seem a better option because they are labeled commercial, until you find the money and resources to support the resources of the small grows that are currently allowed, it should be in your best interest to support your voters, local ranchers, farmers, and residents.

I'm urging you to vote NO on big commercial grows and stand with your community.

Sincerely,

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