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**Subject:** Fwd: please save cannabis farmers and ban hemp production in mendocino county

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John, et. al,

Thanks for representing the small cannabis farmers in the 3rd district!! We are so excited to have a supervisor that understands the issues and cares about our plight. We need all the help we can get! We are and have been the life blood and future for the county of Mendocino. No place in the world can be compared to the terroir of Mendocino that produces the best sungrown Cannabis. We are internationally known and we all call the breadbasket of sungrown cannabis our home.

It was brought to my attention that the tribe in Covelo may be considering growing hemp. What is our current county stance on growing hemp? Hemp production would absolutely destroy cannabis production. If the Round Valley tribe grows hemp this year there is a 100% chance that every licensed grower, at least in the valley, will be driven out of business. Wind born pollination from the hemp plants will pollinate and seed the sensimilla, or female cannabis plants, rendering any flowers useless. We would not be able to stay in business. Seeded cannabis can only be sold to manufacturers for pennies on the dollar, far below the cost of production. Pollen can travel for miles and with the strong daily winds we have here in Covelo we wouldn't stand a chance.

Lets please make a county wide ordinance, or moratorium, banning the production of hemp if there isn't one already in place. It would amount to genetic warfare and in one year put every cannabis farmers out of business. This is a black and white issue. If we allow hemp to grow we can't grow cannabis. Let the central valley grow hemp. Outdoor and greenhouse production would be destroyed and so would the economic drivers for this county. We can't stand one more industry challenge and without proper regulation this hurdle would be insurmountable. Please help us.

Regards,  
Josh Artman  
Covelo resident for 10 years with my beautiful wife and 2 kids! We want to stay!!!

Joshua Artman CEO  
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