

June 20th 2020

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

It has come to our attention as local business owners that a local non-profit organization's funding from Mendocino County is under consideration for defunding.

As a business that has directly benefited from the Economic Development & Financing Corporation, our business has received critical financial assistance in the form of a loan. That funding has given our business the opportunity to survive disaster and to give back to our local community by our services offered and tax dollars earned.

It is our strong opinion that any interruption in funding to EDFC would place in jeopardy a critical need for businesses in our rural community to access alternative financing which would leave these businesses in the hands of predatory lenders.

We would like to take this opportunity to support EDFC, as they have supported our business and urge the County Supervisors to make the decision to fully fund EDFC to ensure their financial stability and support the primary alternative lender in the County to continue investing in the development and future of our business community.

Thank you for your consideration

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