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Dear Honorable Supervisors,

We have written to you many times over the past few years on the subject of cannabis. You are aware of our concerns as well as our status in the Mendocino Cannabis Program. We have been actively engaged with formation of our County cannabis policy for a very long time, the State, Federal & global policies as well. It's so strange to see the slow moving yet out of control train wreck which has been at a virtual standstill for months here. Some would even say it's been stalled out for 5 years. That's how long it's been since our farm was granted it's annual County permit. Yet, we, along with hundreds of other County cannabis cultivation permit holders are still waiting for clarity on the next steps needed AT THE COUNTY LEVEL to move beyond State Provisional status to State Annual license. We understand that this situation is complicated & not fun or interesting but it's also incredibly important to fix it. The State is giving the County millions of dollars to specifically assist our cohort through this transitional time. It's up to you to use it for the greater good. The back to the land cannabis industry is a backbone industry locally. Like it or not, it's part of the heritage of this place & the wider community here as well. We appreciate the cannabis crop report published today. It moves us one very important step closer to being included with the official County crop report in the future It puts our beloved plant, an herbal medicine, closer to actually being considered as what it is, an agricultural crop. We see how the crop reports tell the story of how we really do matter to the development of economic sustainability for all of the citizens in Mendocino County. There is still so much to be done. Your small farmers who are part of MCP are the ones who want to do this right. Legacy cannabis is your legacy. Our success is your success. As usual, we support the suggestions put forth in the CCAG, MCA & Hannah Nelson's memos. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,
Laura & Marty Clein