

Board of Supervisors Cannabis Business Tax Statement

Good Morning, my name is Cindy Browning, owner of Mendo Mystic Farms.

First I would like to thank the board of for approving my conditional Cannabis Cultivator Permit. I am truly excited to be permit number three and look forward to what is to come. I am here today to express my concerns with the upcoming county taxes that will be imposed on cultivators beginning in September. I feel that it's greatly flawed, in the fact that you are asking us to pay on income before, without the consideration of expenses which put a big drop in our income. Processing alone can work out to roughly 20% of that income. I don't feel it's fair to tax us before we are allowed to expense. I will gladly give the county 2.5% of my real income after expenses are taken out.

I also have great concern about the "*per grow cycle*" it's loose terminology and more of a definition is needed so us cannabis cultivators can make business decisions that benefit our farm as well as the county.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Browning". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop on the 'C' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.