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**TO: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors**

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Hello, and as always, thank you for your service to our communities here in Mendocino County. I'm writing today to touch on a few points that are affecting the cannabis cultivation licensure process. We thank the county for the letter submitted to the state, there were many excellent points made and the cannabis community appreciates the support of county government!

**Extension of Building Department Amnesty:** We are thrilled to see this included in the recommendations for action on the agenda for the Dec 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thank you!

**AG Exempt Permitting:** Please help us get this authorized as soon as possible. People are trying to make decisions for their businesses and there is no time to waste.

**Administrative Permits Not Required on Rangeland Expansion:** We understand that this issue was raised a few weeks back and trust that it will be resolved most expeditiously as it should not have an effect on the Mitigated Negative declaration as it does not involve a change in allowable cultivation, but only a change in the required level of review. We hope the same change can be made for FL and TPZ.

**Provisional Permits in Sunset Zones:** Cottage Cultivators on small parcels need the ability to participate in the regulated state system that begins January 1st. It would be appropriate for the Board to authorize provisional permits for small-parcel cultivators in sunset zones. These folks are currently in limbo as they wait for the Overlay process to roll out. Making sure they are eligible in the meantime is important.

**CDFA Temporary License:** The CDFA temporary license process has kicked off. Mendocino County recently requested that the county have 30 days to respond to requests regarding temporary licenses rather than the 10 days suggested by the state. We'd like to point out that the Temporary License is a stopgap measure to keep markets moving smoothly, and that requiring this extra response time would inhibit proper operations. Given the fact that operators will still have to finish the licensing process, it seems unnecessary.

As always, thank you for your time!

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