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Dear Supervisors,

I live on tomki road just past cave creed road. for the last 10 years we have protected and improved this part of redwood valley. I come from a background in real estate. I am currently a licensed california Broker. not agent. I have been involved in real estate development for many years, as a matter of fact my father Monty Silverstone was the original developer of Brooktrails and Shelter Cove.

In my professional experience by excluding cannabis farms from the standard right to transfer ownership of property and its approved uses as every other agricultural property in the state has the right to do is wrong and biased. California has deemed cannabis an agricultural crop and therefore the ability of a pear farmer to sell his pear farm should be the same as a cannabis farmer. When my good friends the Thomas family who used to own the large pear packing plant and orchards that employed many in years past sold their farms they did not have to stop growing pears there.

Secondly, from a purely economic standpoint, currently in mendocino county there are hundreds of active real estate listings in unincorporated county areas. These properties are all offered for 10-50% less than their appraised values of 2017. In other words the value of rural land here is crashing. The only reason for that lands inflation in the first place was because of the potential for black market profiteering of cannabis. Without that the land is worth very little and only of interest to the timber companies. If we allow legal transferability of the properties and their legal uses we can guarantee that land values will stay strong in the hills and create a better tax base and make rural sanctuaries a preferable land use than timber harvest land.

Please vote to allow transferability and ensure all our hard work and investments into our properties is not lost to the ignorant stroke of the pen.

thank you,  
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