

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing a letter of support for the CCAG memo in regards to Agenda Item 5c. **I do not support allowing a hemp pilot program in Mendocino County for all the reasons cited in the memo.** Please reconsider your position on this important issue that will impact everyone in our county.

Additionally as a small-time, local and legal craft cannabis cultivator, whose farm has invested so much time and effort and resources to be a part of the County's cannabis regulation, which has yet to be fully realized (i.e. What's going on with Appendix G? How are you working to help the folks who have been investing and trying to work with your ordinance from the beginning become fully licensed with the state?)--I implore you: do not vote for hemp in our county. However, if you do, please allow for districts to OPT OUT. We are a large county and the effects of this will hurt different communities within our county differently. Covelo/Round Valley will be greatly harmed by this. If you have the gall to vote pass this, please allow for us to forge a path to protect our community from what we know will be a harmful presence.

Thank you,
Michelle Peñaloza