

As a small licensed cannabis farmer I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the Hemp Pilot program.

This program jeopardizes the livelihood of over 1,000 farmers, who in good faith, have entered the cannabis program.

The legitimate concerns and possible devastation of farms have been outlined to the Board of Supervisors to the for months both verbally and in writing. For this reason I will not list them again.

I fully support the memo dated 10/19/2020 by CCAG as well as the issues outlined by MCA.

There has been no justification by the Board regarding the benefits to be gain by a hemp pilot program as well as no assurances to Cannabis farmers that the County will compensate them for crop loss due to the damage impacted by the Hemp Pilot program.

Again I must reiterate that the protection of the Cannabis program be considered the Board's highest priority .

Sincerely

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