

TO: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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I would like to start by saying thank you for the time spent on cannabis cultivation regulation in our county and your willingness to hear from the communities involved, on both sides of the issue.

There are some issues am concerned will impact may of the small farmer's in my community, making it near impossible for them to come into compliance driving them out to make way for corporations.

Commercial building requirements: May small farmers live in rural communities, many miles out dirt a road, are not open to the public and have no employees. Who is it then that these commercial building are for? I recognize the importance of commercial buildings to ensure the safety of the public and employees but if neither of these are present it seems it would be a non-issue.

ADA requirements: Someone who has a physical disability cannot perform the jobs required to run my farm. Again, I would point out that many small farms are owner operated or have 1 or 2 employees that help them periodically, with tasks that have physical requirements.

Road Easements: Though I understand the concerns of communities need to be addressed as a whole, this seems excessive. If a farm is getting several complaints regarding traffic, light or noise pollution, environmental impacts, effecting previously established businesses, ect., they should be addressed on a case by case basis. If a farm is being respectful of its community and receives no complaints I am not sure where the problem lies.

I recognize that Mendocino County is diverse and it is important that all groups get representation. My concern is that without small farmers small rural communities will begin to disappear. The owners of companies coming in from outside the county are not living here and contributing to our small communities' economic growth. They are commuting, spending their money, day to day, elsewhere. I realize cannabis is not the only industry in our county, but in many of the smaller communities, like mine, without cannabis there would be no town to speak of.

Again, thank you for your time on this issue.