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Subject: Cannabis Ordinance Modifications

I am a Covelo resident and have been a full time resident of Mendocino County for 10 years,

Although I supported the legalization of cannabis cultivation, I did so because I felt it was the best way to regulate this important agricultural product within Mendocino County. I do not, however, support a rollback of restrictions that were in the original legislation without careful consideration of the unintended consequences. Our land, water, and reputation as an organic (no GMO) county are precious resources. If we do not protect ourselves against outside influences that look at short term gains we will soon lose our most valuable resources.

Any modifications to what we voted for is premature and should be deferred until the county has a chance to adjust to the new realities. We need to work with existing growers who have worked hard to follow the permit process. Charging headlong into the green rush without understanding the pitfalls and cumulative impacts to our County is reckless and dangerous for the following reasons:

- 1) Climate change and its impact on water, fire, forest management requires an EIR
- 2) Expansion of populations into dangerously inaccessible areas should be stopped after recent fire history. Access into/out of Covelo is already seriously inadequate.
- 3) Need to increase ability to monitor and enforce even current situation
- 4) County bureaucracy is not equipped to deal with modifications. We need to expand and resolve problems that currently exist.
- 5) There will be costly lawsuits if the county continues to ignore EIR's and CEQA analysis.
- 6) Large outside entities should not be encouraged to speculate carelessly with the health and welfare of existing communities for their short term gain.

Please act responsibly and don't ignite a stampede of greed.

Sincerely,

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