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RE: Support for Cottage Microbusiness License

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, we would like to express our support for the proposed Cottage Microbusiness License.

The transition to a regulated market for Cannabis has been challenging. In Mendocino County, only a subset of cultivators have applied for legal status. This is due largely to the statute interpretations by the BCC, CDFA, CDPH, CDFW and Waterboards. The local building, planning, and agriculture agencies, as well as the County Attorney have struggled with interpreting their local and state codes to satisfy the needs of small operators. We feel that the "Cottage Microbusiness License" addresses many of the complaints we have heard from our constituent stakeholders.

We understand that large, well-funded enterprises have and will continue to proliferate the newly regulated marketplace. However, we feel that the small operator has been left behind, not only impacting individuals and families, but entire communities and County revenue.

We have read the proposed "Cottage Microbusiness License" and feel that it would go a long way to creating a legitimate pathway and incentivize the small operators to finally make the effort to come into compliance.

We support the concept and would welcome this new license to be implemented as a pilot program in our county.

For the reasons stated above, we support the proposed Cottage Microbusiness License being introduced in the upcoming legislative session with Mendocino County designated a pilot program county.

Sincerely,

Carre Brown, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: Honorable Mike McGuire, California State Senate
Honorable Jim Wood, California State Assembly
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