



Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter in hopes that it lends to the very important decision Mendocino County needs to make around its cultivation ordinance. Mendocino has a legacy and heritage that can lead to a globally recognized name in the cannabis industry similar to what "Napa" is to wine. Unfortunately, we see this opportunity quickly fading away because of the 10,000 sq ft cap placed on cultivation in the county. Companies cannot successfully build long term brand recognition and market share off of an unsustainable supply chain.

LEEF has invested over 15 million dollars to date in its state of the art extraction facility in Willits. We have plans to further this development but are feeling the constraints of our local environment and have suspended future development because of these constraints. Our goal has always been to procure local product for our extraction needs, but Mendocino County cannot come close to the volume of the material we need on a monthly basis. It has forced us to spend our money outside of the county to the tune of roughly \$3M a month. We currently have 50 acres of canopy under contract but this acreage is outside the county. This leads to inefficiencies and over spending, but is a necessary business decision we had to make. LEEF needs 100 acres of planted cannabis material to be able to meet the demands of our clients over the coming years. This is material grown specifically for oil production, not flower production.

We are in support of expanding cultivation in Mendocino and strongly feel that by not doing so immediately, we are putting the businesses in Mendocino at a serious disadvantage. To that end, we are suggesting the county allow for expansion, but follow the state rules when it comes to size of expansion. We think that limiting size should be done through land use vs capping cultivation size at the local level. If there is a property which will accommodate 50 acres of cultivation, that property should be allowed to use its full potential-so long as it meets all state laws. Companies should be allowed to get through the licensing process and the EIR process in tandem. Doing them separate could lead to long timelines before being able to get plants in the ground, company success, and ultimately Job creation and tax revenue.

We love Mendocino and selected this place to plant our flag because of the heritage and history this county has to offer. It is our hope that the board takes action on cultivation and protects the heritage this county has to offer.

Thank you,

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