

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

It is my understanding that at your next meeting Supervisor McCowen will be asking that the BOS agree to completely toss out the current County cannabis ordinance as it now stands. Though the rules are imperfect they are the result of a hard won consensus. They include provisions like the prohibition on expansion of marijuana grows on Rangeland that are not in the California state regulations. It would appear to me that this is an attempt to shirk local responsibility for our County's cannabis production and substitute easier for better. I would ask you to instead of voting for Supervisor McCowen's proposal to give serious consideration to the updates on the rules that Supervisor Haschak will also be proposing at the next meeting.

The draft budget for the next fiscal year proposes a significant cut to funding for the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council. This is like cutting funding for your health department in the middle of epidemic. After the low rainfall of this last winter we are again in a drought and with all the huge fires of recent years this is an area for expanded funding not cutting.

Sincerely,
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