

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of all the farmers in Mendocino County that have permitted cannabis grows on agricultural land and are limited to 10,000 square feet. I have attached a letter signed by other growers asking for some relief from this restriction. I know currently you have put this decision off until next year, but the type of operations we have requires planning and coordination. We really need direction this year so we can properly plan for next spring. I have invested in Mendocino County because I believe it can be a leader in the country in this sector. I come from a background of larger agricultural farming and processing. In the Midwest, a farm of 10,000 square feet would not even be considered.

As well as my investment in Yokayo Ranch, I am the president of The Agricultural Gas Company (Ag Gas). We use CO2 to enhance yields on cannabis farms all over California. Thus, I am very familiar with the restrictions in most counties. In the last 6 months, all counties are increasing the grow site to at least an acre. I think the farmers of Mendocino County are being significantly disadvantaged by the restrictions currently in place. I also think the county is losing a significant amount of tax dollars that would benefit the residents of the county. It is my hope that when you revisit this issue in June, that you will allow the increase to one acre on agricultural zoned land.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dear Supervisor,

We are writing in relation to the recent discussion by the Board on modifications to the Mendocino County's cannabis ordinance. We are all farmers that operate permitted grows in the Ukiah and Willits area. These are Agricultural operations and we are interested in expanding them.

We have gone through the process to get licensed which is a time consuming and expensive process as you well know. We all are doing reasonably well, but are incumbered by the limitation of our farms to 10,000 square feet per license. We have invested in infrastructure on our farms and wish to continue to invest to grow our operations. As I am sure you appreciate, most farms are measured in acres and we wish to have our operations measured in that way as well. In order to get a reasonable return on our investment, we need to have the opportunity to expand the size of our operation.

We would like to have the board support staff's recommendation that permitted grows in Agricultural Zones be allowed to expand the permitted grow to one acre. This will allow our farms to invest in the agricultural sophistication to make these operations profitable. We believe we are on the cutting edge of this agricultural growth sector and can help drive the Mendocino County economy. Hopefully, some day we will be considered just another agricultural crop that helps support the local economy with our tax dollars.

We understand that this change will not happen until later this year. By acting now, you give us the ability to plan our expansion for next year by going through the appropriate steps with our license. Mendocino County can be a leader in this market, but our political leaders need to provide us the opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your consideration.



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