

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Re: Proposal to end Mendocino Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance

I am writing as a land owner in Ukiah and Covelo against the repealing of the current Cultivation Ordinance. Yes, it is a flawed ordinance, and changes need to be made to ensure protection of our natural resources, but we shouldn't expand grows into the rangeland while current exploitation of natural resources exists.

We've owned land in Covelo for over forty years and experienced the destruction of natural resources and natural beauty as land has been taken over with irresponsible marijuana grows. The impact on neighboring land is horrendous: lights illuminating the night, generators running constantly, water table decreasing with no investment into the natural resources or community.

It is imperative that you move cautiously as you review the Cultivation Ordinance and, first, identify the problems and possible solutions before changing direction. We are living in unusual times which require cautious and thorough investigation before making change. There are factors affecting our lives globally as well as locally which must be taken into consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlene Holbrook