

Supervisors, thank you for taking time to read my thoughts on the licensing process and the future of legal marijuana cultivation in Mendocino county.

I have a provisional license which is in danger of not being renewed at the end of the year if today's vote is against smaller family run farms. Our property is zoned range land. We are not finished with our compliance culvert and road work which would prohibit us from moving forward in 2021.

The process of becoming provisionally licensed has been long, difficult and expensive. We have put a dent in our savings and are working on a tight budget to complete the process.

It would be devastating to the financial future of our and many local families if we are not allowed to move forward and complete our licenses.

Please. It's time to stop villainizing marijuana and start treating it like other agriculture crops across the state.

Cultivation has been a tradition in Northern California and Mendocino specifically. Making laws that benefit large corporations and not local family run farms, would be a sell out by our leaders and elected officials. Mendocino deserves better.

We believe that the MCA and Patrick Sellers understand the issues facing the marijuana industry in our region. We fully support the solutions the association is bringing to the table. We hope the board will listen and move the agenda for small local farmers forward.

Thanks again for your time.

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