

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed expansion of cannabis cultivation by up to 10% parcel size.

Rather than allowing large corporate grows to take over and gobble up natural resources such as water that also require massive infrastructure build-out and maintenance, it would be a much better endeavor for the county to develop and implement a program that helps and empowers small farmers as outlined in the county's original ordinance for cannabis production.

Corporate growers would certainly out- produce small growers, resulting in driving down prices while, at the same time, moving profits out of Mendocino County. In contrast, money generated by small growers would remain within the community.

Cannabis production should remain in the hands of small growers with the support of the county. This is not only economically equitable and more sustainable, but also honors the history and legacy of Mendocino and the Emerald Triangle as well as those who wish to live in a beautiful rural setting in close connection to the land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janice Ledgerwood