

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Re: Phase 3 Cannabis Ordinance

I am writing you today to address the Phase 3 cannabis cultivation rules that will be voted on. I live in Ukiah and have been living in our beautiful Mendocino County since 1974. For the last 30 years I have been the owner of the irrigation company Dripworks which is located in Willits with 40 full time and seasonal employees. We sell nationally, internationally, and from our store, online, and with an annual catalog. Since cannabis became legal in California, my company has helped legally licensed cultivators grow their commercial crop in the most water efficient way with drip irrigation. Over the last 4-5 years my outside salesman and I have visited quite a few licensed 10,000 square foot cannabis farms that are Dripworks customers. Every one of them uses the most environmentally safe organic practices. Knowing the economies of scale, these farmers would be able to be highly successful and more profitable if they were able to expand their area of cultivation from the present 10,000' to the "Medium Outdoor" one acre. They would be able to employ many more people and thus put more money into the local economy. Suffice it to say that enactment of Phase 3 would be a huge economic benefit for Mendocino County and many of its property owners. I strongly support the enactment of Phase 3 for medium Outdoor cannabis cultivation.

Thank you for your time,

Leon Springer