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Re: April 19, Cannabis Land Use Ordinance  
Objection - Cannabis Program Expansion

I am writing to express my concern and strenuous objection to expanding cannabis grows to range land in Mendocino County. I have been alerted to this possible expansion by a letter from author and environmentalist, Kate Marianchild, expressing the negative impacts it would have on the environment of our county. I wholeheartedly agree with her assessment.

I implore you to think through the potential impact of such a policy change before acting. I live in a residential area of ten acre parcels that have been profoundly impacted by your policy to allow significant cannabis grows in a neighborhood.

This policy has resulted in bulldozing terraces on steep hillsides, heavy commercial traffic of water and soil trucks, absentee owner grows, unsupervised staff living feral, heavy equipment and generator noise, night lights, pervasive cannabis smell, increased crime, denigration of the land and high pitched acrimony between growers and non-growers. Yes, there has been some code enforcement response to complaints, but almost no real consequences for violators. When complaints are made most are anonymous due to the real fear of retribution. This neighborhood and this environment have been irreparably harmed and these grows are supposed to be "small" ones.

We all recognize that there are many existing problems with and for the cannabis production in our county. Please do not compound these issues by expanding cannabis cultivation to new areas at this time and especially without an environmental impact report. This is not the way to build Mendocino County for the long term.

Respectfully,

Mary Anne Payne