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Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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RE: Cannabis Growing on Range Land

Dear Chair Gjerde and Supervisors,

I'm writing in regards to the proposed changes on marijuana being grown on rangeland as I understand them.

The issue is rather to approve or disapprove of marijuana being grown on rangeland up to 10% of the acreage.

I'm in support of growing marijuana on rangeland. It is currently being grown on rangeland. The only difference is if I a law abiding citizen will be allowed to grow marijuana on my rangeland property or if my neighbor who has grown for years illegally will be allowed to continue sense he can show he has been growing in the past. Which was when it was ILLEGAL.

The citizens of the state of California passed a law that allows for growing of marijuana legally. I feel that all citizens should have the opportunity to make money from the growing of marijuana if they chose to follow the laws and get permits and such. Not just the criminal element side. Because I own rangeland I should not be exempt from pursuing an income generating opportunity in this agricultural product. While my neighbor is allowed to continue growing because of pass illegal activity. This would seem to be discrimination by the local government not to afford some property owners the same opportunities as others with rangeland.

I continue to read about supporting the Ma and Pa growers. I would like to remind people that some of the issues we have in this county relating to water loss, environmental destruction, soil erosion, dry wells, trash, visual destruction, etc are due to these Ma and Pa growers. I wonder how many of them are supporting the restrictions/not to be allowed/NIMBYs on range land. Would this help keep their marijuana prices high? In addition some properties owners have waited till it was legal to grow marijuana before starting in this agricultural endeavor. Most of these Ma and Pa grows thumbed their nose at the law and grew anyway. So should people who follow the law be denied the right to grow while unlawful growers are allowed to continue? Does the law matter?

Thank you for your time,

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