

Dear County Supervisors,

I'm writing in hopes that you will all vote against the 10% expansion. As a teacher and mother to a young child, I do not support an opportunity for this damaging industry to continue its destruction of our county and ultimately our children's future. We see that these growers continually fail to take care of the land they already use, attract dangerous individuals and visually degrade our beautiful communities and landscape. The very last thing we need is more incentives for them. It's hard to motivate our young people and neighbors to take pride in their community and contribute to our society when our valleys have plastic strewn about, hoop houses glowing at night instead of stars and pesticides dumped into our waterways. All results of this harmful industry, permitted and illegal grows attract all sorts of problems to our valleys.

I love my home county, but the way the cannabis industry has harmed our local communities with drugs, human trafficking, violence and degradation of nature I'm considering moving my family out of the area for safety and happiness if it continues in the direction it's going. I would be leaving an empty house that another grower will probably fill with grow lights, pesticides and water siphoned from a local creek. I know many of those permitted growers are trying to meet all requirements, however there are far too many using legal grows to cover much larger, non-permitted operations. I hope you will not support this expansion based on this industry's track record of harmful results.

Sincerely,
Megan Hurt