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Dear Mendocino County Supervisors,

I am a long-time resident of Mendocino County. I very strongly request that you do not allow any big corporate marijuana grows in our County. The current large grows by foreign interests have already destroyed the water and land in Covelo and led to a lawlessness that threatens the residents.

I am horrified that we are even considering further draining of our water resources, considering the clear and potentially devastating fire risk in our County; and the continuing lowering of our water-table. After years of drought, we are now entering our worst drought year in recent history. A fully comprehensive Environmental Report is needed with water availability and projected use over the next several decades as a primary component. It already seems amply clear that we do not have the ongoing water resources to sustain the current needs of our county.

I strongly oppose the Phase Three Cannabis Cultivation Ordinance, having a minimum of parcel size of 10 acres or larger, and up to 10 percent of the total parcel area. I believe that growing should be limited to 25 plants per parcel, that the county should work to get in compliance with current ordinances and that and no new growers should be given permits except for those small mom and pop growers who already had their businesses in place for many years, and who have already been working with the county to become permitted. The County has been unable to meet its current commitments for oversight and enforcement of Phase One and Phase Two. Adding further burden to the county with Phase Three would be disastrous.

I believe that large grows will totally devastate our community and any current large illegal grows should be shut down. I firmly believe that law enforcement in our county should receive adequate funding and resources in order to eradicate them. It is vital that we preserve the land for our small farmers growing food and raising livestock, and for food and water for our residents and wildlife.

This proposed Phase Three Ordinance will completely destroy our community. At our current rate of use, our community currently lacks water resources for ongoing sustainability. The county has failed in oversight and enforcement of the ordinances One and Two currently in place. Please follow the will of the residents of Mendocino County and fulfill your legal obligation to represent them.

Sincerely,

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