

Dear Supervisors,

First, thank you for your service to this beautiful county. I write today because I am very concerned with the Cannabis Cultivation and Cannabis Facilities Ordinances that will be considered on April 19th. I am a mother of 2 who just spent her retirement and life savings on a small parcel of land in Hopland to create a homestead and family farm for my children to grow up on. I chose the area because it is wholesome with small family ranches and a supportive small town community. I am eager to exit the drug infestations of suburbia in the communities and parks.

However, when I see these ordinances that are to be considered I am frightened to my core. What comes along with the cannabis cultivation can be very dangerous and damaging. There have been grow operations where innocents are caught in the crossfire when people try to steal and/or protect the grow. Additionally, the sheer amount of water that is required to run these operations puts a strain on our already short water supply. As well, our soils are only weakened with mono crops. Not to mention the overpowering smell at cultivation time. I settled north for the peace, safety and nature filled beauty of this county. Please preserve small family farms and small local healthy diverse business from big cannabis agricultural giants who can destroy our local lands for profit. I am raising my children here and want to enjoy the land and surrounding areas that we put our retirement and life savings into.

Thank you for protecting our lands and communities.

Sincerely,
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