

April 25, 2021

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Rd.
Ukiah Ca. 95482

Re: April 27th meeting, agenda item 3b

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Your proposed revisions that were suggested at the last meeting are a move in the right direction. I am, however, still opposed to the expansion. Your responsibility, first and foremost, is to the health, safety and quality of life for the citizens of this County. Before you allow any cannabis expansion you must establish that you have enforcement under control. Right now there is virtually no enforcement. Where I live there is a so called "legal" grow near me that is in violation of the lighting ordinance. I have complained in the past and it is now happening again. There must be consequences for such violations. Then you have the illegal grows that have been estimated at 8 – 9,000, that have absolutely no enforcement. Add to that the bad players (Mexican Cartels, Russian Cartels) that are in areas like Covelo ,and you have a perfect storm of what Sheriff Matt Kendall calls a "public safety crisis". Do not move forward with expansion until you get a handle on enforcement. If you were able to do this, I think there would be more support for expansion.

Best regards,

Ron Stark
Covelo/Albion