

Supervisors - My name is Nicholas Smilgys. I am a Ukiah resident and operate a cannabis processing, distribution and manufacturing business in Laytonville. I also hold a cultivation license between Laytonville and Willits.

I am writing today to ask you to expand the portal deadline. I hear everyday from farmers concerned about the delays in response time and inconsistencies in requirements. An extension to the portal deadline helps ensure that we keep our phase 1 operators going. As of now it seems like that hasn't been a priority for you. Please show the small farm community that you actually care and give us a fighting chance. If you don't extend this deadline, it will leave farmers who wanted to be compliant out in the cold.

I'm not sure, that as a body, you grasp the potential economic ramifications of excluding the small farmer. We are the lifeblood of this community, we spend local, hire local and give back to our neighbors. For me, personally, these are the farms that provide me with world class cannabis that I sell all over the state which enables me to hire more local people to work in Laytonville.

I would urge the board to review the recommendations provided by MCA and take swift action to protect our legacy operators.

Thanks,

Nicholas Smilgys

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