

Hello

I am an engineer based in Humboldt County and have worked in Mendocino, Trinity, and Humboldt counties and a cannabis consultant since 2016.

I represent 5 families in Mendocino County with licenses or currently seeking licensure.

I am writing to express my support to extend the portal deadline and that you clearly confirm for applicants that you will honor any applicant has submitted to the Portal by October 30 and they will be able to see their submission through to Completion.

80 years of cannabis prohibition, only 4 years of legal cannabis.

Less than 10% of the legacy pre-legal industry are participating in legal cannabis.

Legacy licensed farmers are facing a mass extinction event despite your Mendocino County Ordinances amidst larger and more complex market dynamics.

Be on the right side of history for this. Show compassion and empathy for the legacy cannabis farmers trying to operate legally in your County with your actions and support as supervisors. These cannabis farms are places of historic interest, UNESCO cannabis world heritage sites, and your legacy farmers are an endangered species with the certainty of extinction. Mushrooms, cocaine, and heroin are already decriminalized in Oregon. 50 years from now how will your actions be remembered, Supervisors?

Respectfully,

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