

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I'm asking you to please pause, discuss extending the MCP portal deadline. Listen to those calling in. Listen to those posting online about their difficulty with the portal. Read about our experiences. The MCP portal is NOT flawless. Some of the most respected operators in Mendocino County are experiencing problems with your portal. And it's not their fault.

The MCP program is understaffed.

There's confusion and discrepancies between MCP staff and their views of what's approved and not.

Those relying on the portal are in the middle of harvest. Why would you set the deadline for October 30th?

You all should be supporting us and listening. We know what we are talking about. The portal has major problems. I'm shocked your program manager hasn't relayed what many of us are going through.

I watch the BOS meetings. Your economy is very important. The economy is at stake with our looming deadline. Why NOT extend the deadline? Please explain why you all are remaining silent. It's oddly quiet.

I'll be waiting to hear your reasons. Many local businesses will be waiting for your response as well. Those local businesses need that economy. It's not just canna businesses at stake. Your district will lose money. Why? Because of an arbitrary October 30th deadline.

Respectfully,

Lenny Clayburg