

Honorable Supervisors:

I have a friend who has grown CBD cannabis and made tinctures for years. They are the best tinctures in the world, in my opinion, for treatment of epilepsy, autism, Parkinson's, and many more conditions. I have seen these tinctures help people who are suffering from serious conditions recover and regain their health, using cannabis medicines in conjunction with good nutrition and other holistic remedies.

My friend is over 70 and she has grown medicinal flower and made CBD tinctures for over 12 years, while making just enough money to live a decent life, but not much more. She has continued to grow and make medicines from cannabis as a labor of love – love of the plant and love of the healing process that has helped so many.

She cannot pull together the money for all the permit, license, and regulatory fees. She can't get a bank loan, even though she owns her property, because her income is from cannabis. She has tried hard to slowly pull together the money to become legal. She hasn't been able to hire consultants to help with CEQA, attorneys, accountants – all those tools and resources that larger operators have the deep pockets to draw from.

She is getting close to meeting the financial demands of the County and the State to secure her license. But she can't do it by October 30th, even though she has started the process. She needs help.

For her, and for all the patients I've worked with who have benefitted from her work, I beseech you to extend the Portal deadline to allow the full processing of all applicants who have submitted by October 30. There is a real human need for these farmers and medicine-makers to continue. You have the power to support our community so that we do not lose these legacy cannabis cultivators; so that we do not lose the benefit of their traditions, their understanding of this amazing plant, their dedication to others.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

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