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Planning & Building Services

To: Department of Planning & Building Services Commission

We've been in our home in Redwood Valley for 37 years and have found it pleasant to live near a large vineyard. But when hoop houses went up in the middle of that vineyard, it suddenly became odd to feel unsafe in our little community. We have read so much about the increased risk of criminal activity that is associated with marijuana grows.

At the same time, there was noticeable additional traffic on our little road. Instead of caring neighbors, who would watch out for my 95-year-old mom when she was out walking and the neighborhood kids on their bikes, there were trucks headed to the grow driving way too fast down the road.

Also, a real concern is the odor. A few years back, we did have the neighbor across from our house growing marijuana. During two beautiful months when I would usually have had my windows wide open, I had to keep my house closed up and pay the air conditioning bill because the stench was so nauseating to me.

As landowners we appreciate the privilege of using our property as we see fit, but I feel we need to consider the effect we have on our neighbors as we make those choices.

Thank you for your time.

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