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To: Mendocino County Planning Commission

SUBJECT: Proposed Restricted Zone Prohibiting Commercial Cannabis Operations

Dear Commissioners,

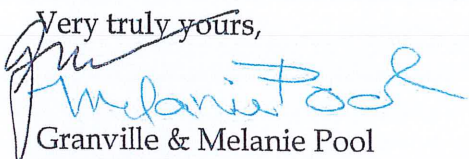
Thanks to the diligent, community-minded efforts of Kathleen Gilley and support of many of our neighbors, we present to you an application for creation of a cannabis-free zone, to prohibit large commercial cultivation operations in our area.

There are several huge commercial cannabis grow operations close to us already, something we did not anticipate when we approved cannabis legalization. Yes, we both voted to approve legalizing pot use and cultivation. We certainly did not however—in any way—mean to approve nor did we realize we might be approving the sort of large commercial operations that have sprung up in our neighborhood. Wine grape vines have been torn out and replaced with giant, commercial, plastic-covered hoop houses.

Not only do we consider the cheapo-plastic-monster hooped greenhouses a visual blight while in use but are concerned as well that if and when these operations fail these structures and their rotting plastic sheeting will be left to further blight the environment and eventually require significant public efforts and funding to mitigate.

If a small, heritage operation needs a (single) greenhouse of modest proportions to remain viable, we would expect the sort of respect for the environment and neighborhood to build/install substantial structures that honor neighborhood values. In our dreams those would be classic glass and iron conservatories, not throwaway junk structures. Reflections of enterprise commitment and aesthetic sensitivity. We are not convinced that a majority of voters approving pot legalization had this massive blight in mind and question whether it is even legal under State law.

Very truly yours,



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