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Planning & Building Services

Dear Commissioners-

I object to the Prohibition District and support the MCA memo and the memos submitted by Emerald Law Group.

I am a resident of Redwood Valley, outside of the proposed prohibition zone. My husband and I are second generation cannabis farmers. We are in process on three permits in Mendocino County and three licenses at the state level. We have struggled to maintain our business since 2105 when the regulatory process started for cannabis farmers in California. We have spent every last dollar to get and stay regulated, that is not an easy or cheap task.

We hope you consider the people who want to cultivate legally are the people contributing to our local economy and community, we want to keep people in business, keep families in Mendocino County and support our local economy. The prohibition district aims to shut down multiple existing operators in the process of creating further exclusion with underlying prohibitionist thinking. This is NOT a way to remove illegal grow operations, this only further divides and harms our community.

Please reconsider and work to keep people in business.

Thank you for your time-  
Chiah Rodriques

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**"Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness." - James Thurber.**