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Jeanine Townsend,

As a participant in the Trinity county commercial medical cannabis licensing program, I believe that the rules and regulations set by the NCRWQCB and Trinity County should be the standard that not only Trinity county but the whole state should follow. Our farms will be guided by one CEQA study conducted by the NCRWQCB, already completed, which was used to set regulations designed to bring our farms into a zero impact compliance operation, and another underway by Trinity County to determine the total number of farms to allow overall county wide. This along with the strict Trinity County organic only fertilizer and pesticide ordinance make our farms so clean that they actually add to and enhance the surrounding Eco systems. The huge setbacks required for the huge industrial operations throughout the state won't be needed with our farms which are tiny in comparison. Trinity county is set to issue only 500 permits, only 5 of are 1 ac. The rest range from 10,000sf = 1/4ac. ,to 2,000sf = 1/20th ac. Truly tiny compared to the operations seen in other counties. Blanket regulations designed to handle operations like those will put us small farmers out of business. My family has invested \$100,000.00 to date in order to be compliant with all rules and regulations set forth, but we have also set even higher standards for our farm to produce the best medicine for our patients and be a environmentally sustainable farm. We intend to remain a medical dispensary supplier only. State wide regulations proposed will force out many of our small cottage farms because of set back requirements that should not apply to small farms with the best management practices we operate under. At least anyone who has come into compliance so far should be grandfathered in after spending everything to be compliant to this point.

My opinion!

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