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Hello, I am a consultant on the North Coast for cannabis farmers up in Humboldt County. I would like to implore the water board to allow affected individuals to reduce their setback to streams and watercourses if they provide engineered and effective drainage solutions, or if their drainage naturally flows away from the channel while still being within the setbacks. Current regulations can sometimes cause farmers who would otherwise not be a threat to water quality to believe that their best course of action is to move to a different location on their parcel, at which point they will engage in deforestation and grading activities. Such development can be a net negative to environmental quality, and I would advise the water board to adopt regulations that allow some people, where appropriate, to obtain reductions in stream or wetland setback requirements. This setback reduction should of course come with a sign off by an engineer or hydrologist, or an agent of the water board itself, who would verify drainage characteristics so that a minimization of impact could be achieved.

Thank you for your time.

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