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Tobacco TRL

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Hope you're doing well. I'm reaching because you were so kind with your time last and listening to our plight with the county.

Now due to one county lawyer's personal issue that the Administrative Law Judge made a decision against their written TRL ordinance. The county is holding up licenses even with the ALJ decision on tobacco licenses by standing behind vague language that they are "processing" applications in order to make up time while they amend how the ordinance is written and then deny licenses with the new amended language.

This is a clear unfair business practice by holding up applications and our licenses that the hearing cleared the way to get approved.

These actions open up the county to further litigation but it seems our county isn't concerned as it's county dollars that would be wasted and their ordinance that they wrote maybe upheld but the precedent is set by the hearing and now holding up our applications is opening up the unfair business practices issue.

Lastly and my apologies for the long email: the 5 mile radius is going against other initiatives to reduce traffic and emissions in the county. We are only a couple of miles from Eureka and another store so all the county is doing is forcing consumers to go the next store or the casino therefore losing the county revenue.

Does our county really need more business suffering we are an already economically disadvantaged country, there are not big box stores coming, it's small family retailers like us serving county areas.

Thank You,

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