



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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January 7, 2019

Re:     Support for Cottage Microbusiness License

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of the County of Humboldt Board of Supervisors, we would like to express our support for the proposed Cottage Microbusiness License. Not only do we support the concept, we would welcome this new license to be implemented as a pilot program in our county.

In Humboldt, we estimate that there are many cannabis operations that have not applied for legal status. This is due largely to the statute interpretations by the BCC, CDFA, CDPH, CDFW and the Waterboards. The local building, planning, and agriculture agencies, as well as the County Attorney have struggled with interpreting their local and state codes to satisfy the needs of the small operator. We feel that the "Cottage Microbusiness License" addresses many of the complaints we have heard from our constituent stakeholders.

We understand that large, well-funded, enterprises have and will continue to proliferate the newly regulated marketplace. However, we feel that the small operator has been left behind and it is not only impacting individuals and families, but entire communities.

We have read the proposed "Cottage Microbusiness License" and feel that it would go a long way to creating a legitimate pathway and incentivize the small operators to finally make the effort to come into compliance.

Therefore, we support the introduction of the Cottage Microbusiness License concept in the upcoming legislation and would welcome this new license to be implemented as a pilot program in our county.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc:     Honorable Mike McGuire, California State Senate  
        Honorable Jim Woods, California State Assembly  
        California State Association of Counties  
        Rural County Representative of California  
        Paul Yoder and Karen Lange, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc.