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The County of Humboldt is proud to support the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office as they apply for law enforcement grant funding through Proposition 64. As the Second District Supervisor representing Southern Humboldt, I can speak to the challenges faced by the legal cannabis growing community. Humboldt County was one of the first counties to establish a process for cannabis farmers to obtain permit for cultivation. We are leading the state with the amount of state licenses issued to our county permitted farmers. Our cannabis community has rallied, but they have found that becoming a legitimate business is expensive, complicated, and time-consuming. Humboldt County is proud to offer programs like Project Trellis to help members of our community as they move towards compliance. We want to encourage those who have taken the time to participate in the legalization process by enforcing the rules on those that choose to operate outside the law.

I know that the Humboldt County Sheriff and his team will meet the goals agreed to in their application. Public safety is critical to our community, especially its most rural areas. The need for outreach in the schools and to connect children with services and resources is crucial to their future success. The Sheriff's Office has a history of working collaboratively with other agencies and County departments. With the impact of the coronavirus to all public agencies, funding opportunities like these are a critical resource we are grateful to have available. I am thankful for the state to offer this grant for our rural community to benefit from the cannabis tax dollars.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Board Chair

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