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To whom it may concern,

I am writing with comments regarding the project for Savage Farms, Inc.

I am quite pleased to know the family that is Savage Farms, both personally and professionally; I get to work with them on their ongoing compliance, and have first hand knowledge of their dedication to the land, the quality of their product, and our community. This business has a long range vision and is developing their own branding, and has a solid footing in a still developing market.

I have concerns about condition 22, which would require upgrading to solar or grid power for their outdoor cultivation style (no lighting in the flowering canopy) farm by 2025.

While I greatly appreciate the intent of lowering impact environmentally, a one sized fits all solution to require grid or solar is misguided.

Humboldt County cannabis ordinance, CCLMOU, allows for generators to be utilized. This was discussed during the 1.0 ordinance hearings. The planning dept should not be adding requirements based on comments on other projects, and allow for the public input process to unfold if an issue arises on specific projects. It is not the planning department or commission's role to impose conditions on all applicants based which have not been a part of the ordinance process.

Further, state law allows for smaller sized generators. The state will require reporting on generators, but only starting at 50hp, much larger than even the combined current generators.

Increased infrastructure means increased costs, but also increased impact on the farm in terms of additional buildings and materials needed.

Finally, the need for solar system maintenance would mean this size generator would be needed during times of year when the generator is not currently used just to keep a solar system healthy.

Please reconsider applying this condition, to this project, and across projects, without doing the thoughtful analysis that is deserved to our transitioning businesses.

Thank you for your consideration,

Holly Carter

~"Faith is taking the first step
even when you don't see the whole staircase."~
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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