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Hayes, Kathy

From: Sundberg, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 8:23 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: FW: Tax

Can you print this out for the board?

Ryan Sundberg
Humboldt County 5th
District Supervisor
707-476-2395

-----Original Message-----

From: Isaiah EFF [isaiah@emeraldfamilyfarms.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 06:45 AM Pacific Standard Time
To: Sundberg, Ryan
Subject: Tax

I support the idea of a tax, but concerned with how much the state is already taxing. If both Mcguire and Woods bill pass we'll be looking at a 25% increase already. Even if those taxes are suppose to be levied at the distributor and retail, they will be passed down to the farmer until mandatory distribution comes into play. Coming in to high will simply encourage black market Grower's and do nothing to fix the environmental problems in the county. It seems that all the state money will go to enforcement and some remediation (I believe the remediation dollars will start on public lands and on private timber holdings, as its money well spent, it does nothing to help the small farmers who can't afford the permitting process and the ability to get funds for remediation to come into the regulatory system). None of this money comes back to Humboldt from the state for schools, mental health, drug rehabilitation, social services, infrastructure, economic growth, or tourism. The state has 60% of the tax money going back for enforcement 30% to local law enforcement and 30% to DFW and the water board. With that all being said if they're is a local tax let's make sure money goes back to the services that aren't being taken care of by the state. 20% schools, 20% economic growth/infrastructure (fixing roads and small business loans), 20% mental illness/drug rehabilitation, 20%remediation (within the Cannabis community, let's help the people that can't get into the system), and 20% enforcement. The other part of this is if only the taxes are charged to those coming into the system (which were stoked to pay if it stays local and comes back to our communities). It simply encourages the black market. If all Cannabis farmers were taxed by the air or google earth, like the building department accesses new buildings the tax could be lower and generate a lot more money. If you build a house in Humboldt and the sheriffs office flies your crop you get a tax bill for your buildings and your land at the end of the year. Why should it be any different for cultivation. That should be the approach why punish those who are coming in with more taxes while encourage black market environmentally destructive grows at the same time. I like the tiered approach but let's encourage the "cottage industry Grower's" to stay small. Maybe make them tax exempt from the local tax. And then slowly tier up maybe increasing up to \$2 a square foot. Tier 1 -\$.50, Tier 2- \$1, Tier 2- \$2. All though the tiers make a lot of since now what happens if the market crashes and the price bottoms out to \$600 a pound. A set tiered amount will allow other localities the chance to be more competitive in the future. Farmers would then see very thin margins decrease while the county would get the same amount. The second option would be a value based tax use Berkley as the prime example with their 2.5% gross receipt tax. As the market fluctuates the county could retain the same percentage of the profits but not squeeze the farmer so bad. I think the biggest thing is to wait and see what happens at the state, let's not just see dollar signs and discourage more people to stay black market by levying taxes that are to high. Secondly let make sure the money is spent on services the state taxes aren't helping. Third tax all Grower's don't just punish the ones that are tying to come in. Fourth encourage the smallest Grower's to stay small by making them tax exempt or in the lowest possible tier.

Thanks,

Isaiah O'Donnell
Emerald Family Farms

Sent from my iPhone

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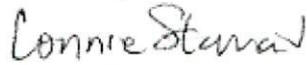
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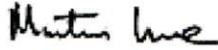
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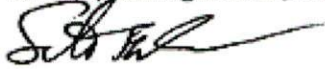
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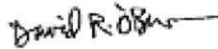
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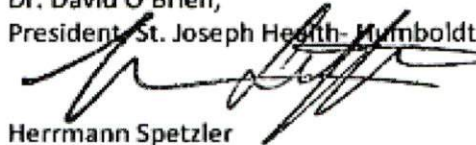
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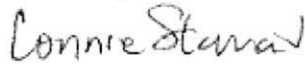
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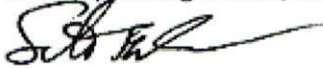
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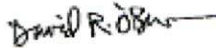
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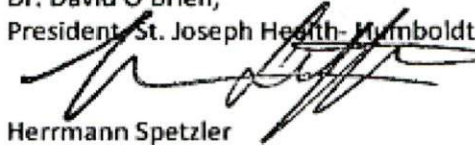
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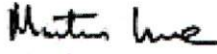
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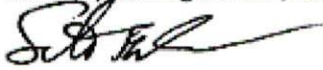
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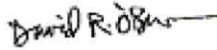
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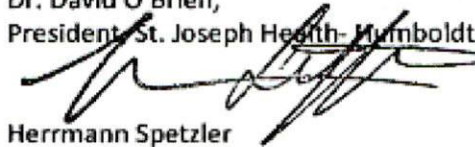
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