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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to voice my concern regarding the permit for Canna Boutique Dispensary. I am a local business owner who has been working with The Humboldt County Collective for over 2 years.

Although it is legal for businesses to locate near their competitors, allowing Canna Boutique Dispensary to operate at 1672 Myrtle Ave. would have disastrous impacts on The Humboldt County Collective. The storefront of Canna Boutique Dispensary will be readily visible from Myrtle Ave., whereas The Humboldt County Collective's storefront is in the back and has no visibility from Myrtle Ave.

The Humboldt County Collective has been operating in Eureka for 6 years. The owner has lived in the area on and off her whole life. She is passionate about providing the community with high quality, affordable medicine. In fact, she intentionally keeps the prices on the products lower than many other dispensaries so that her patients can more easily afford them. It seems to me that her top priority is her patients, which is our community. What is best for the community should be the top priority in all decision making.

I am concerned that there will not be the same dedication to community as the owners of Canna Boutique Dispensary are not local.

I am concerned at the lack of equity in terms of processing permits. It is my understanding that the Canna Boutique Dispensary permit was completed in June, which would be a 3 month turn around time. The Humboldt County Collective went through a 1 ½ year process in order to receive their permit. Perhaps taking some more time to consider the impacts on our local run business and the greater community could serve us all well.

Overall, I am concerned at the long-term health of The Humboldt County Collective. It would be a shame if their long-term health suffered, or worse were forced to shut down, because of a hasty decision that is likely not based on what is best for our community.

Thank you for your time,

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