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County Supervisors,

Please do not pass the proposed ordinance limiting all cannabis cultivation in El Dorado county to six plants per parcel. This amount is inadequate to meet many medical cannabis patients' needs.

While Prop. 64, passed by the voters of California in 2016, required counties to allow six-plant gardens for recreational use, it clearly stated that its intent was not to interfere with patients' rights under Prop. 215, which voters passed in 1996. Under that law, courts have ruled that patients can grow any amount reasonable to their medical needs. Additionally, under Prop. 64, legitimate caregivers may provide for up to five (5) qualified medical patients and be exempt from the requirement of state commercial cannabis licensing.

Requiring registration of cannabis gardens is unnecessary and problematic. Marijuana is still a Schedule I drug federally and patients will be incriminating themselves by registering their gardens, in clear violation of our 5th amendment rights.

Taking away the current ordinance will encourage guerrilla grows in the El Dorado National forest that will cause environmental damage, and public safety concerns.

To move on this ordinance without the opportunity to make public comment in person will severely hamper citizen involvement. Many citizens of El Dorado county don't have reliable internet or phone access.

Please do not pass this ordinance, or at least table this discussion until after the COVID crisis, allowing a full hearing and involvement for all El Dorado County citizens.

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