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Supervisors:

Hemp Farms as well as campgrounds are one of the few new opportunities for agricultural to earn income. Please do not kill this source of revenue before it even gets started. If you truly want to preserve the agricultural in this County then you will stop over-regulating it. Agriculture cannot survive without profitable economic opportunities. Timber production is no longer profitable. Grape prices are flat. The cost of doing business in California continues to rise.

Hemp does not get you high because it is less than .3% THC (it is not psychoactive). It has CBD that is used as a safe medical substitute for opioids and anti-inflammatories. There are currently legal 11 farms growing Hemp in the County. The Sheriff is trying to ban hemp because it looks like THC cannabis. Hemp is federally and state legal.

The Governor tried to expand legal manufacturing and product uses of CA hemp at the end of the last session. The Governor's legislation will increase the value of California hemp and allow manufactured products from it to be sold throughout the nation and world.

There have been no environmental issues with the existing hemp farms in El Dorado County. Hemp odor is similar to lavender, basil, Christmas trees and eucalyptus trees. Do you propose to regulate those activities too?

Please allow the continuation of hemp farming in El Dorado County.

This is off the topic but with the numerous issues surrounding El Dorado County Sheriff's Department it would be prudent to set up an ad hoc committee pertaining to law enforcement. The committee will be positive just from facilitating communication between the community and law enforcement. Law enforcement has done substantial damage to families and property in this county over the last six months.

Thank You.

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Re: Item 20-1181,

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I urge the Board of Supervisors and the Ag Commissioner not to ban or impose additional local restrictions on the production of hemp but to work in concert with the USDA Farm Bill and the Interim Final Rule and the State of California if there are any concerns about hemp agriculture.

Hemp is used for numerous industrial and horticultural purposes, including fabric, paper, cannabinoids and construction materials. For instance, the hemp industry is currently researching the feasibility of producing highly insulative materials for walls in home construction which would maintain an even temperature and result in lower energy use. It seems prudent to promote the growth of local agriculture, U.S. businesses and to mitigate the effect of climate change by using hemp building materials which will reduce energy consumption.

I would hope the BOS considers the positive economic and environmental effects of promoting local hemp agriculture in their decision to establish this Ad Hoc committee.

The fact that the Sheriff of El Dorado County is involved in this proposed Ad Hoc Hemp Committee concerns me. Hemp is not marijuana. The production of hemp is an agricultural issue and the Sheriff need not be involved.

As a constituent I would be unhappy if the Sheriff and the BOS destroy an El Dorado County agricultural industry.

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