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# General Public Comment- Group 2

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**From:** michalcathy <michalcathy@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025 12:19 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Revised jail expansion decision

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Dear County Supervisors,

I urge you to reconsider and revise your April 1 vote on the North Branch Jail expansion.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Michal Lynch

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**From:** Judy Farris <judymfarris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025 6:50 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Urgent Request: Report on Revised Jail Expansion Decision

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Sincerely,  
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