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Dear Santa Barbara County Board Supervisors,

I live in Carpinteria and about three houses down from Casitas Pass where there are many large Cannabis Growers. I have been suffering for two years not only from the pervasive skunk like odor, but also from the other pollutants in the air coming from those growers. I am tired of hearing this will all be taken care of when all are licensed and they install the so called "odor reduction" systems. These systems only blow more allergens into the air. I have suffered an increase of sinus headaches, lung congestion, and a chronic allergic skin condition since then and am seeing a dr and an allergist ever since then. I may be more sensitive to these allergens than others, however, this does not mean that others are not adversely affected by them.

We cannot leave our window open much of the time and have air purifiers in our home. This is not enough to stop the bad air from pervading our home and yard.

I understand some institutions and indeed our county supervisor have received contributions from these growers. Money talks. However could not the politicians, schools and other organizations raise money in a way that does not negatively affect the health of residents?

I am elderly and do not wish to move from the place where we decided to spend our remaining years. We who spoke up about this at a recent Carpinteria City council meeting were rudely told that we should "shut up or move."

I urge the county board to revise their laws to protect persons who live near these growers by at least extending the distance from homes, schools and other business and requiring that they be in enclosed green houses not just those plastic hoops that one day will end up contributing to the huge plastic waste problem we already have.

Thank you for your consideration.

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