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Good morning,

A WE Watch letter is attached. Please read it into the record at tomorrow's Santa Rita Hills Ag appeal.

Thank you.

Nancy Emerson

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May 4, 2020

TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors  
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President  
RE: Santa Rita Valley Ag. Appeal, Item # 20-00167

WE Watch recognizes that Santa Barbara County is facing unforeseen financial challenges and that income from cannabis cultivation will help. We ask that you not forget that concentrated cannabis cultivation, exacerbated by individual projects' large cannabis acreages, risks loss of income from tourism and existing agriculture.

Currently there are no effective tools for preventing odor beyond property lines if cannabis is grown outdoors and large acreages compound odor problems. There are serious unresolved questions about the impact of cannabis on other kinds of crops.

Your majority vote, with Supervisors Adam and Hartmann dissenting, recently overruled the Planning Commission's recommendation that limited the cannabis acreage of the nearby West Coast Farms because of cumulative impacts in this corridor. It recommended limiting the Santa Rita Valley Ag's project's acreage, too. Please do not intensify the impacts of your earlier decision by approving another large acreage project.

Find a way to place all projects in this area on hold while you fast track the Planning Commission's recommendations regarding CUPs and odor control. If you keep approving large projects, with acreages far in excess of that allowed in other counties, you will ruin the Santa Ynez Valley for vineyards, other legacy crops and tourism.