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Hello Chair Lavagnino and Honorable Supervisors,

Thank you for serving Santa Barbara County. I want to emphasize the good work and community involvement of Jason Moriarty before tomorrow's review of his proposed cannabis farm project in North County. Please reject the appeal and grant permits to Mr. Moriarty, because he will be a compliant farmer and good neighbor.

In Carpinteria, we know this from experiencing his leadership and generosity. He is a former board member of CARP Growers and a mastermind of the Keep the Lights On Program.

Here is a video link with more information about [Keep the Lights On](#). (Side note, the multitalented Mr. Moriarty also directed and edited this video.)

During pandemic lockdowns, our farms were allowed to operate as essential businesses. Restaurants were not and were really hurting. Mr. Moriarty helped to devise and orchestrate a plan to keep them afloat. Since cannabis employs so many people, our members decided to feed them all lunch multiple times per week by patronizing local small businesses. It was an impressive effort and illustrates the type of character we all like to promote in the citizenry of our county. It is why we love living here.

We want to make abundantly clear the history and community connection demonstrated by this applicant ahead of the decision on his permits. There is little doubt he will meet and exceed the standards county staff has indicated the project has already met. Please view Mr. Moriarty as a proven model operator.

Thank you for continuing to support agriculture in Santa Barbara County.

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