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My name is David Van Wingerden and I own Farmlane in Carpinteria, a licensed cannabis farm. I'm here to oppose the proposed amendments to Ch. 50 because they do not take into account the number of resources that permit and license holders have poured into their projects.

Specifically, we oppose any retroactive application of the law that would require us to be at 100% capacity at our third renewal of our license. We've worked with the County to phase in our projects and have been working diligently to satisfy all County departments so that we can move into and operate our last greenhouse. While we are aiming to be at 100% of capacity by our third renewal, many of the approvals are out of our hands and in the hands of various County departments.

Therefore, if the County decides to approve the amendments today that set a timeline for operating at full capacity by the third business license renewal, we request that this proposed change NOT be applied retroactively and instead, take effect on January 1, 2023 so that we have ample time to complete our buildout, instead of being at risk of losing our acreage in the cap. Although the Carp cap is not yet full, it is close.

In addition, these proposed changes also come at a bad time when the cannabis market is severely depressed.

In short, we request flexibility and ask that the County NOT apply the timeline for licensed operators on a retroactive basis.

Thank you for your time

Regards

David Van Wingerden