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Good morning,

WE Watch board must approve all letters but this takes additional time so I am sending our letter directly to you to be sure you have it before the board meeting. Please see paragraph 2 for a suggested solution to LUP being allowed to continue using LUP for processing permit.

Thank you.

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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President
RE: Cannabis Land Use Ordinance Amendments

WE Watch appreciates the positive impact the proposed CUP for AG-II and some industrial zones will have on the Santa Ynez Valley as well as all inland areas. It will help prevent further problems with odor and compatibility with agriculture and other neighbors.

We urge you to either require a CUP for all new processing operations or, for applicants who already have a LUP, require that they process indoors and use the technology now available to successfully control odor in buildings.

We need to put a brake on adding more odor, whatever the source. For the Santa Ynez Valley, the above solution will prevent adding more cannabis odor in Buellton and the area west and south of it. That odor already negatively impacts existing agriculture, the health of residents with sensitive receptors, its schools' children and tourism.

Adding processing will enable cannabis growers to become substantially more profitable, more than offsetting the added cost of going through the CUP process and buying odor controls that prevent new sources of odor.

Also, we need to bring an end to appeal after appeal because of incompatibility with existing agriculture/neighbors. Your earlier actions, including the Statement of Overriding Consideration, placed you and the Planning Commission in a box that that made appeals a lose-lose for all and fed the prevailing cynicism about government. Today you have the opportunity to correct that.