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for the **Santa Barbara West Coast Farms, LLC Cannabis Cultivation Appeal**, to the Clerk of the Board

Tuesday July 7, 2020

To: The Clerk of The Board
 Fr: David & Gale Slay, Slay Estate & Vineyard
 6635 E. Highway 246

Please include this email into record please.

My family bought a Sta Rita Hills property and home with the hope of building a small family winery and vineyard in one of the most prestigious wine regions in the world in 2017.

Although new to the area I have been a chef and restaurateur and have for the past 30 years counted this area as a favorite on our wine list.

I value what so many before us have built and have for the past 12 years sourced fruit that we proudly attach our name to until we are fully grown at our vineyard.

The beauty of the hills, vineyards and farms going through 246 the past few years are some of the greenest and prettiest due to the rain we have received only to be ruined by the stench of cannabis. We have guests and families with kids that ask what that horrible smell is and explain.

A simple thing like opening the windows is overcome by the smell. That short drive from where we are to Buellton is wretched and we wonder what it is doing to the organic produce we are growing for our restaurants and wonder why the growth this year is so different.

We have been asked to participate, to lease our property, use our barn and be paid good money by some in the cannabis industry. No amount is worth it.

We built our name, our restaurants and our brand on values, honor and an ethical way to do business and never letting money being the deciding factor.

And no better time in our history of America is it time for us to realize what a beautiful country we have and a beautiful Santa Barbara County.

Please don't let it be ruined for this.

Thank you,

David Slay
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