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TO: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
FROM: WE Watch, Nancy Emerson, President
RE: Cannabis 3rd Quarter Report and Action Needed

We were pleased to read of continued progress in managing cannabis activities in the June 22 agenda attachments. Thank you and our very dedicated County staff for accomplishing a great deal.

But there is still unfinished work. When the Cannabis Land Use Ordinances were approved in February 2018, the Board retained the right and responsibility to make changes to the ordinances as needed. Unfortunately, the Board did not provide regulation of AG-II and this has caused major problems for the Santa Ynez Valley and others.

Even though you would like to avoid further ordinance changes, that carries with it failure to obtain needed protection for residents and other agriculturists, including those who may not be in your particular district.

PLEASE TAKE THESE TWO ACTIONS TODAY REGARDING CANNABIS, USING CANNABIS INCOME.

1. Find a way today to get the reports about cumulative impact, the cultivation cap and hemp started and completed as quickly as possible. You approved this in March without funding.
2. Provide funding for a short-term, second enforcement team to end illegal activity by growers not yet County licensed. This will help the legal growers as well as residents.

THESE ARE COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS WITH CANNABIS AND YOU SHOULD NOT LEAVE RESIDENTS HANGING OUT TO DRY WHILE YOU FUND NON-CANNABIS RELATED ACTIVITIES WITH CANNABIS INCOME.