



Lake County Board of Supervisors
255 North Forbes St.
Lakeport, CA 95453

April 9, 2022

Re: Agenda Item 6.8 – a) Discussion of Cannabis Tax Reform; and b) Consideration of Resolution Amending Cannabis Cultivation Tax Due Dates

Dear Chair Crandell & Supervisors:

On behalf of Lake County's cannabis cultivators and businesses, the Lake County Cannabis Alliance would like to thank County Staff for bringing forward the proposed tax reform options.

We truly appreciate the time Staff and Board members have taken to meet with LCCA members to learn how taxes impact our businesses and our farming practices, especially as we prepare to plant for the season ahead.

We request that you take action now on the two tax reform issues that are most critical for the industry as you contemplate additional solutions:

- 1. Immediate reduction of the 2021 tax bill by 50%**
- 2. Change taxable area from "Cultivation Area" to "Canopy Area" for 2022**

These two measures will provide immediate meaningful tax relief for local operators and help ensure that we are here to continue generating jobs and revenue in the coming year.

We have collected over 124 signatures on [the enclosed petition](#) in support of these asks and hope that you will adopt these changes and join many jurisdictions across California that have enacted tax relief. Your leadership will help stabilize the industry and keep us in business, for the greater good of the entire county.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jennifer K. Smith

Jennifer K. Smith, Board President
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