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To: Johanna DeLong
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Hello,

I am writing to express my support for the appeal (AB24-02) for Highland Farms, in the Highland Springs Park area of Lake County.

My family, which include my husband, myself, and my children live at 7610A Adobe Creek Road. We have lived here as a family since 1998, and I grew up here on this same property since 1973. My family have lived here in this location since 1971.

My family, including myself, drive Highland Springs Road to Lakeport almost every day of the week. This road has no posted speed limit, nor is patrolled by law enforcement. Some people drive this road like it is a highway.. excessively and dangerously fast, tailgating slower drivers, and passing unsafely. I have contacted the county roads department countless times over the years, requesting a speed limit be established, and also for deer crossing signs. My pleas fall on deaf ears, with no action or even the decency of a response to my requests.

It is very concerning to consider the possibility of a large cannabis grow being established in the Highland Springs Park area. This would obviously greatly increase the traffic on Highland Springs Road, not to mention the possibility of traffic increasing on Bell Hill Road, for those coming over here from the Kelseyville area. Bell Hill Road is in terrible shape & certainly would not be able to withstand increased traffic.

What is also concerning about this proposed grow, is the impact to the environment & wildlife that this will certainly have. The area surrounding Highland Springs Park is mostly wild, full of undisturbed flora & fauna. Cannabis grows are notorious for being pollutant & disrespectful to the land they're using.

This also leads to another very obvious issue, which is the water use. We live in a time & place where we cannot count on sufficient rainfall from year to year. Upping the water usage that would be needed to support this grow, could very potentially negatively affect people's wells in the area.

A lot of families out here have lived here for generations. We appreciate the quiet, the wildness, and the privacy of this area.

We do not at all want to have to give any of that up so that a corporation only interested in making money, is able to establish themselves out here.

Please consider my words in regards to this issue.

Sincerely,

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