



HUMBOLDT COUNTY GROWERS ALLIANCE

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Dear Supervisors and Staff,

On behalf of Humboldt County Growers Alliance (HCGA), representing 275 cannabis businesses in Humboldt County, we are writing today to request that you pull the proposed letter supporting SB 1326 (Caballero) from tomorrow's Board of Supervisors agenda, and reconsider a position on this legislation at a later date.

We appreciate the introduction of SB 1326, which proposes to create a pathway for interstate commerce for cannabis, and the opportunity the measure provides to explore this policy with stakeholders. Interstate commerce is a high priority for HCGA, Origins Council, and our other regional partner trade associations in Trinity, Mendocino, Sonoma, Nevada County, and Big Sur, and something that we collectively support in concept.

However, we have some concerns with the language of the measure at present. In the same way that the MMRSA and Proposition 64 established the foundation for our current regulated market, bills like SB 1326 are likely to establish the parameters for the future of interstate commerce, making it especially important that the details of this legislation are carefully vetted and considered to meet the needs of Humboldt's small and independent producers. Due to these concerns, HCGA and Origins Council have not taken a formal position on SB 1326 at this time.

We are in the process of engaging the sponsors of the measure, Rural County Representatives of California and the Cannabis Distribution Association, as well as the author of the measure, Senator Caballero, regarding this legislation.

Origins Council has meetings scheduled with the sponsors and Senator Caballero's office this week. We request that the Board of Supervisors please wait to submit your position letter for the measure while we work to address our concerns with the proponents of the measure, and discuss our position with you.

Thank you for your consideration,

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