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Subject: Illegal Marijuawa farm at 17100 Old Ranch Rd

Mr. Matt Johnson,

I am writing this letter to express my concerns regarding my next door neighbor; Mr. Chris Vaughan's illegal marijuana farm operation (17100 Old Ranch Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95033).

My husband and I already had conversation directly with Mr. Vaughan numerous times, and expressed our concerns regarding his marijuana farm; however he simply ignores us or gave us fake information. In fact, he lied to us by providing a copy of "application form" trying to convince us that he has a license. We found out he does not have license to operate a marijuana farm through our neighbors who are also concerned and has reached to a county officer.

Mr. Vaughan simply does not care about endangering the welfare of surrounding neighbors, but rather wants to pursue his own selfish agenda.

The reasons we are concerned about his marijuana farm are:

**\*Fire hazard**-Chris and his tenants/ pot farm workers operate the place unsupervised ( electrical, etc), also his tenants kept throwing cigarettes butts on the road from the cars - I kept finding them while my walk with our dog. We live in heavily vegetated area of Santa Cruz Mountains.

**\*Security and safety concern**- We started sighting many new visitors, most of them appear to be non-residents, and our road is a "private road"

**\*Noise**- Chris's workers have lifestyle of "work late nights, and sleep day time" due to their drug use. We hear machine tools running late nights.

**Mountain fire** is a big topic right now. Our road (Old ranch Rd) is very close to Summit Rd and HWY 17, if the fire starts at our road, it would be **a huge thread to the community** not just our area, but the whole entire Bay Area. I am sure you are aware what caused the big mountain fire in 2016 (Loma fire). The officials announced that marijuana farm was the cause to destroyed 12 homes and over 4400 acres. I think it's about time to learn from the lesson, and prevent.

<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/08/10/generator-from-pot-grow-caused-2016-loma-fire-officials-say/>

Please accept my request to stop Mr. Vaughan's marijuana farm operation.

I am going to include this email to our Old Ranch Road Association, County Cannabis Licensing Officer, and forwarding to officers at Cal Fire Protection Department.

Sincerely,  
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