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Subject: PLEASE STOP POT FARMS IN THE MOUNTAINS!!!!

I am writing to respectfully request that the county put an end to the illegal grows in the mountains. I have lived in the mountains happily for 11 years, at the dead end of a remote HOMEOWNER MAINTAINED ROAD. We have known nearly all our neighbors and people have been good neighbors, helping each other, protecting our environment and putting in the massive amount of work required to maintain a long mountain road. We have enjoyed quiet, clean, safe roads, abundant wildlife and clean air. My children have been able to play freely on our property in redwood trees and safety. Coming home at the end of a long day has always brought a sense of calm serenity and peace.

THIS HAS ALL DRAMATICALLY CHANGED.

The so-called "neighbor" two houses above me decided to turn his cliff dwelling home, with NO flat land, into a huge pot farm. Gutting the home, leaving the contents all over the driveway, renting to MULTIPLE sketchy people who drive recklessly on the small road, throw trash and cigarettes on the ground and park their multiple cars all over other people's property. They are disrespectful, DO NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HUGE TASK OF ROAD MAINTENANCE, but continue to have more and more strangers coming and going from the home at all hours of the day and night. The pot fumes are consistently noxious and overwhelming, and I must drive through them multiple times a day with my YOUNG KIDS in the car. They have dug into multiple unstable hillsides to grow their pot. Their plants can be seen from my driveway, and ARE NOT secured in anyway. My young children have come upon their grow areas just walking on our adjacent property. They are also SCARED of these multiple strangers who come and go and have been found trespassing on our property for cultivation purposes. Last winter, their irresponsible cutting into an unstable hillside caused a MASSIVE slide onto our driveway, TRAPPING MY FAMILY FOR 7 DAYS!!!! We were unable to drive out because of their irresponsible behavior.

A dead mountain lion was found under their deck, and when checked by the Puma Project was determined to most likely have died from rodenticide poison (it was a young mountain lion). The list of irresponsible, disrespectful behaviors goes on and on.

I have attempted to get help from the county and the sheriff. Mark Stewart of the Cannabis Licensing Office and his co-workers have come out and cited this homeowner multiple times, including a "Cease and Desist" order which have been completely ignored. The sheriffs have come out and told me that they cannot do anything because the regulations and laws aren't clear enough. They essentially said that they could not do anything until the Board of Supervisors clarifies and strengthens the laws.

PLEASE, PLEASE help my family and all the other innocent families whose lives have been turned upside down by these irresponsible individuals. Our QUALITY OF LIFE has taken a HUGE DIVE, my children and I FEAR FOR OUR SAFETY (not only from the numerous strangers coming and going, but the REAL possibility of FIRE and/or SIGNIFICANT SLIDES or ROAD COLLAPSE due to their irresponsible behavior.) Our environment is so very fragile and we have already seen significant damage, causing thousands of dollars damage to our driveway. If we have more rain this year, there is NO doubt our situation will worsen, as they have clear cut oak trees, and cut into hillsides everywhere.

It is only a matter of time before something really tragic happens down here. We have put up with this long enough. The mountains are NOT APPROPRIATE GROW SITES. There is far too much at stake. My children shouldn't have to grow up smelling pot fumes EVERYDAY in their own front yard. My kids are no longer allowed to play outside on our own property because I never know who may just wander in. Would you want YOUR KIDS to grow up next to a pot farm? Would you like YOUR home to change from a place of serenity to a barren wasteland of druggies and pot plants? These people are NOT responsible and should NOT be running an ILLEGAL BUSINESS in a family neighborhood.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE HELP US!!!!!!

Thank you