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Lake County Board of Supervisors
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Members of the Board of Supervisors,

At the Cannabis Cultivation Tax Reduction extension hearing before your Board back in August 2024, some Supervisors expressed a desire to review financial documentation of the cannabis industry before additional reductions would be considered. For reference, the Tax Reduction was initially set to expire at the end of 2024 but was extended through December 2025.

Since then, the Lake County Community Action Project (LakeCAP) has conducted an in-depth analysis of cannabis industry finances and economics in Lake County. The purpose of this correspondence is to share our ongoing concerns even after the June 2025 Budget hearings.

Cannabis funds have provided tangible benefits to the community in several ways. However, actual expenses paid out through these reserve funds, as well as actual county expenditures to administer the cannabis program, have not been made available in a transparent and concise manner. These are necessary to allow for an informed decision on how the program operates moving forward. LakeCAP would like to echo the concerns of some Supervisors about fiscal transparency.

The Lake County Tax Collector has brought concerns to the Board of Supervisors on several occasions in an attempt to address the persistent difficulties regarding tax enforcement. Complex corporate structures and land lease agreements that are seen in the cannabis industry require significant staff time and research to identify the responsible party for tax purposes. LakeCAP shares the same concerns.

A Call for Fiscal Responsibility

As the December 2025 deadline for the Tax Reduction is quickly approaching, we respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors, and the public-at-large, be provided a transparent analysis of the current fiscal state of cannabis cultivation in Lake County.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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