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Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

My name is Lisa Wright, a resident of Trinity County CA. I am currently enrolled in the North Coast Water Quality Board's Order No. R1-2015-0023, as a Tier 1 Discharger, WDID #1A161768CTRI. I have been enrolled since January 8, 2017.

As a Tier 1 Enrollee, I have spent several thousand dollars maintaining Standard Conditions under the NCRWQCB Order.

The requirements proposed in the SWRCB Cannabis General Order would impose significant additional expenses that could make my continued cottage operation untenable. In many cases, these additional requirements are redundant to water resource protections already contemplated by the NCRWQCB Order.

It is my belief that viable, small-scale cannabis cultivation is an integral part of the environmental recovery and long term sustainability of Trinity County and the North Coast Region in general. I believe the NCRWQCB carefully weighed these factors when drafting and implementing its Order and I urge the State Water Resources Control Board to defer to this regional expertise and locally appropriate solution.

It is important to note that while recent state legislation exempts the SWRCB Cannabis General Order from the requirements imposed by the CA Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the NCRWQCB Order is protective of water quality in the Region and should be continued for its intended 5-year duration.

I believe that the Regional Water Boards are well positioned to evaluate conditions within the nine regions and where the SWRCB General Order conflicts with a Regional Order, the General Order should defer to the local expertise of the Regional Boards. Ideally the SWRCB General Order should allow the Regional Boards to retain enough flexibility to implement locally appropriate solutions that are equally protective of water quality.

At a minimum I believe that current Enrollees under a Regional Order should be allowed to continue operating in accordance with the Regional Order for the duration of its existence.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Lisa Wright