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Sincerely,
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San Luis Obispo County

The State of California's new Medical Marijuana Regulation Safety Act (MMRSA) will create thousands of jobs, cause a major commercial construction boom and bring millions of dollars into the coffers of City and County governments .

The county of San Luis Obispo along with the counties of Monterey , Humbolt, Del Norte, Trinity and Mendocino will be the potential winners in reaping massive new revenues from the MMRSA.

The climate of these counties along with the agricultural base and forward thinking leaders creates a vast opportunity for increased tax revenues for the local governments .

It is estimated right now that there are over 500 large to small medical marijuana growers in San Luis Obispo County. Many grow indoors and outdoors. The future is in year around greenhouse operations. The new State law has limited the size and number of available licensees.

In 2015 the estimated value of medical cannabis grown in San Luis Obispo county is anywhere between 100 to 300 million dollars.

Under the new State Law (three parts):AB 266 AB 243 SB 643,the county of San Luis Obispo is allowed to tax the sale of medical cannabis that is derived from the growers sale to the authorized State of California licensed distributors .

If the county of San Luis Obispo placed a 4% tax on the value of the sale this would result in NEW revenues to the county in the amount of \$4,000,000 to \$12,000,000 dollars per year.

This figure is only for cultivation. The county can also reap revenues from the many classes of State authorized licensees.

This is a major financial decision for the County of San Luis Obispo. It will create hundreds of new jobs. Will bring the grey market of Medical Marijuana into the legal system.

If the County of San Luis Obispo decides to place a ban on cultivation then the County will effectively create a large black market of growers.

Hundreds of law abiding citizens of San Luis Obispo County now make their living in the Medical Cannabis industry. They pay taxes, they buy homes, they create jobs.

The future is now. This industry is 20 years old. Medical cannabis could become the fourth largest cash crop in San Luis Obispo and the number one crop that pays revenues to the county directly. The wine industry does not pay taxes to the county from the value of their crop.

Make the right decision and place San Luis Obispo County on the road to responsible State Licensed cannabis cultivation.

Respectfully.

A black and white image of a handwritten signature, which appears to be "Steve Powers".

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