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**From:** Russ Green <terminalc@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Please Approve AP\_2023-0015 Kure Wellness, Inc. 800 Lake Mendocino Dr. Ukiah

Planning &amp; Building Services

Hello, My name is Russell Green. I am the Founder and CEO of Kure Wellness. A small vertically integrated cannabis business with 3 stores in Mendocino County and a fourth in Lake County. I am a fifth generation Mendocino County resident and the only person born and raised in this county who Solely owns and operates cannabis dispensaries.

Our original, and flagship store- Kure Lake Mendocino- was once a gas station and tackle shop. The layout provided the opportunity for a drive-through designed to service disabled customers, seniors, people with pets, people in a hurry, immune compromised, etc. We successfully operated that drive thru for over a year during covid with absolutely no traffic or law enforcement concerns. For reasons I cannot fathom, our drive-through was shut down- during the middle of covid, at a time when the county itself was promoting social distancing. Doing this deprived our community of a safe, convenient way to get their medication. How is Kure's drive-through different from any other? Pharmacies disburse Schedule 1 prescriptions in nothing but an open paper bag. Untold thousands of dollars in cash is disbursed via drive-throughs at local banks, and the fast-food industry depends on drive-throughs for their success, schools and vaccination clinics also utilize drive-thrus. It's also my understanding that Coyote Valley Casino is putting in a cannabis drive thru which will make this situation further unjustified if not approved.

In the Final Statement of Reasons when 5025(g) was implemented the final sentence says "This allows licensees who already have invested in this practice to continue those operations" I am one of those licensees. I spent money and time relying on the understanding that I had applied for all available cannabis uses on the property and would be able to continue my historic use as defined by the continued operation clause. We definitely did serve drive thru customers in 2018 and before.

In addition I'd like to add that the kure lake mendo dispensary was not only a simple retailer before regulation. It was a vertically integrated dispensary with all the uses we are licensed for now(and then some) already occurring. There was no net expansion of uses during regulation as alleged in both staff reports.

I feel It was incredibly unfair that the drive thru was shut down, even while I agreed to do and submitted plans for reasonable improvements. The history of this location as a gas station is proof enough that this site has safely handled traffic ingress and egress for literally decades. My business and I have been caused irreparable harm financially and mentally by the counties action to close down the drive thru, and actions by the cannabis program as a whole. I view this as a way to right that wrong, let bygones be bygones, and move on. I'd appreciate it if you would reinstate all of my historic uses, this drive thru being one.

Respectfully,  
Russ