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To The Mendocino Historical Review Board and The Mendocino Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in Albion since 1976. I love living here and being part of this vibrant community. It has come to my attention that there is a meeting for the purpose of discussing the outdoor dining tents in Mendocino.

I am out of town and cannot attend the meeting, but want to let you know that I prefer the restaurants with tents! Covid is still a real concern for all of us. Several people I know have been very sick with Covid recently, and have not fully recovered.

I eat outdoors whenever the option is available, and feel much safer there. I don't think the tents detract from the look of the town of Mendocino or Fort Bragg, and feel like they are good for business. Offering diners more seating options is a positive thing in my opinion, and I would be very sorry to see the local restaurants be forced to remove them. Since the tents went up early on in the COVID pandemic I personally have enjoyed eating outdoors on many occasions at The Mendocino Cafe, Patterson's Pub, and The Goodlife Cafe and Bakery in Mendocino. In Fort Bragg I have enjoyed dining outdoors at Mayan Fusion, Piacci's, The North Coat Brewery, Princess Seafood in Noyo Harbor, and Home Style Cafe. In Little River the Little River Inn has a very comfortable dining area in a big tent in the garden where I have eaten many times. My partner and I both much prefer dining in the outdoor areas and we eat out a lot! All of us paying customers who enjoy dining outdoors are contributing to the local economy, which really does need the business of the local community members, especially in the winter. To force all of the restaurants that offer dining in tents to remove that option would be damaging to those businesses, and for that reason I respectfully suggest that the tents stay up.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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