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Dear Mendocino County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Christina Jones, and I am a resident of Anderson Valley. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a public comment and communicate my support for Mendocino County's work on low intensity camping.

I was hosting Hip Camp a few years back before I got shut down. I had a business license for events/services and ran it through that, and paid lots of taxes, and thought I was doing everything right. But I live on a private road that has a road board and they went after all of the vacation homes and my Hip Camp. Sadly.

It was fantastic for my family. I have 25 acres in Philo, I had numerous people come through and were supporting our local economy. I got so many comments from local business that they loved that I was doing it. There are not enough lodging options in Anderson Valley. People need more options. We cannot support the amount of visitors. They go wine tasting and drive under the influence to the coast or Ukiah where there are lodging options. It has always been a scary concern for us locals.

I have grown up in the Anderson Valley. I love it here. I felt so blessed to be able to have some income that was produced from our property. And a wholesome income at that. Hosting families that my son could play with, making new friends. And hosting family and fringes that come to visit. It was all positive.

I live on the property, and had my eye on everything that happened. I didn't allow fires. I kept a tight ship. It was safe for people that wanted a nice quiet place to enjoy the country. That was affordable and private.

Please vote today to support a low intensity camping policy that creates reasonable permitting options for local landowners who want to offer a small number of campsites.

Kind Regards,
Christina Jones