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To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident and taxpayer of Mendocino County, I'm writing to express in favor support for low-intensity camping on private land. I've been hosting campers on my land through Hipcamp for just over a year. It has been a much needed economic opportunity for me and other members of my community to make ends meet, pay the bills, and put money back into local businesses and non profits. Without low-intensity camping, I would not be able to afford the basics to get by.

The future of my community and Mendocino county at large is tourism. The prosperous and naive days of logging, fishing, and cannabis are gone or severely limited. What has severely increased are the amount of travellers along Highway 1, 101, 128 and others. These travellers are looking for unique experiences away from their daily norm and Mendocino County offers such experiences.

Now is the time to embrace the growing numbers of travellers to our County and support any and all efforts to invite outside County money in while keeping large corporations and developers out. We are already doing this and can continue to invest in ourselves and our communities via low-intensity camping.

Thanks you,
Paul Collins