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## **Good Farmers Great Neighbors Supports Progressive Federal Cannabis Legislation**

*North County Cannabis Farmers Commend the House Judiciary Committee for their bi-partisan support of the MORE Act to decriminalize cannabis at the Federal level.*

*Buellton, CA* -- On a bi-partisan 24-10 vote earlier this week, the House Judiciary Committee approved legislation that would decriminalize cannabis at the federal level. The bi-partisan support from the committee is welcome news for small cannabis farmers who have been fighting to sustain their businesses in the midst of a complex and fragmented regulatory market where the only consistency has been the increase in taxes and fees at all levels of government.

“We look forward to the advancement of the MORE Act to conference committees in the House and Senate where our nation’s elected leaders will deliberate upon vital elements of the bill that we support being signed into law,” said Sara Rotman, a co-chair of Good Farmers Great Neighbors (GFGN). She went on to say, “It is our hope that House and Senate leaders will confirm our belief that hemp and cannabis are well within the scope of traditional agriculture and as such are ‘Right to Farm’ commodities.”

State policies around agriculture should strive to foster innovation while promoting market stability. “We are hopeful that farmers committed to the highest standards of sustainable, pesticide-free, sun-grown organic farming will receive legislative relief at the state level next year as well,” said John De Friel, GFGN co-chair.

Northern Santa Barbara County sun-grown cannabis farmers are indispensable to California’s legal cannabis supply-chain. But to remain competitive in the market and economically viable California needs to increase the number of licensed vendors to meet demand. Failure to do so will harm the industry, impact local jobs, decrease tax revenue and hurt California’s economy.

Good Farmers Great Neighbors remains optimistic that Governor Newsom and the state legislature will move in the right direction next year in the new legislation session.

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**Good Farmers Great Neighbors** is a collective of Santa Barbara County cannabis industry leaders who believe that Cannabis farming is good for County jobs and our local economy. We promote best practices for sustainable growing, a healthy community and environment, and advocate for good neighbor community engagement to dispel the myths surrounding cannabis and cannabis production to help the industry thrive.

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