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Hello, and to whom it may concern.

I am a long time resident of Lompoc and I'm writing to express my concerns regarding the surprisingly inequitable taxation on the cannabis industry. From my understanding part of the pitch for legalizing cannabis was directly tied to the fact that the city could absolutely benefit from a fair tax ordinance. I employ the city council and powers that be to allow the public to vote on this issue. Now that we have some hard data from the kind of revenue generated by this industry, it is imperative to the future of Lompoc to have equitable taxation, which can then in turn fund some sorely needed infrastructure, public safety, children and youth activities and so on and so forth.

In short we are a small town with big city problems, and we need to face the reality of growth and smarter/balanced budgeting. This is not a criticism but a reminder that the town is charging into the future and we have the opportunity to make some very simple and smart choices now.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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