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To the members of the city council:

We support giving the citizens of Lompoc a chance to vote on how manufacturers and distributors of Cannabis products in the area are taxed. It has come to my attention that the manufacturing businesses are charged a flat tax regardless of how large they are and how much they are earning. I know my personal taxes are proportional to how much money I make and if I make enough the tax rate increases. The city of Lompoc is perennially cash strapped and I think this new and expanding industry has been good for the city and could be even better. We all want Lompoc to improve and be a great place to live instead of a place that is continually losing stores and businesses. We are also losing the people that work on the base to Santa Maria and Orcutt because the amenities and schools are not keeping up. It doesn't have to be this way.

We need to invest in ourselves. Please let the voters have their say and vote on tax rate for Cannabis businesses instead of flat tax that keeps the city under funded.

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