



March 11, 2020

The Honorable Collin Peterson, Chairman  
U.S. House Committee on Agriculture,  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

*Re: Amending the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the regulation of hemp-derived cannabidiol and hemp-derived cannabidiol containing substances*

Mr. Chairman,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Minnesota Industrial Hemp Association in support of your proposed legislation that would amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the regulation of hemp-derived cannabidiol and hemp-derived cannabidiol containing substances.

The Minnesota Industrial Hemp Association is 501 c (4) non-profit trade association representing a broad coalition of businesses and individuals who advocate for the re-emerging industrial hemp sector from seed to sale. Specifically, we work on a non-partisan basis to ensure that opportunities for products derived from industrial hemp continue to grow and be readily available to consumers.

The Minnesota Industrial Hemp Association recognizes the important role FDA plays in evaluating the safety and efficacy of CBD safety regarding a variety of products. We also have an appreciation of the role Congress plays in oversight of federal agencies to ensure the executive branch meets congressional intent.

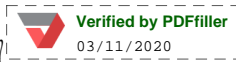
The explicit language in the bill that 'hemp-derived cannabidiol or a hemp-derived cannabidiol containing substance' are exempt from the drug exclusionary provision as it applies to food and dietary supplement products would remove one of the roadblocks for the re-emerging industrial hemp sector and would adhere to the intent of Congress when crafting the 2018 Farm Bill.

Furthermore, the requirement that the United States Department of Agriculture issue a report to identify additional market and regulatory challenges faced by industrial hemp producers to ensure the sector can reach its full potential will be invaluable as farmers and continue responding to market opportunities.

Thank you for your work regarding this important issue. The Minnesota Industrial Hemp Association looks forward to working with you and your staff in moving the industrial hemp sector forward from seed to sale.

Sincerely,

*Dave C Ladd*



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