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WITNESS NAME: ALICE M NORRIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Alice Norris. Part of my volunteer community interest is in keeping youth safe from harms like drug availability. THC isomers like Delta 8 and other intoxicating THC products are widely available in Missouri and they are currently unregulated because the Missouri legislature hasn't assigned an executive department the authority to regulate them. In Smithville, we have collaborated with our local law enforcement and county prosecutors to issue "Cease and Desist" letters to businesses who were observed potentially selling these products to individuals under 21 with no procedure in place to ask for IDs at all. This Cease and Desist is effective at keeping availability of these products low in our county, but statewide action needs to exist. HB 1781 has been referred to your committee. This bill, sponsored by Representative Chad Perkins and co-sponsored by Representative Josh Hurlbert from Smithville would assign executive authority to DHSS to regulate these products. This ability to regulate the products would help make these intoxicating cannabinoids less available to youth. We know from decades of research that decreasing availability means that youth will be less likely to use if the products are less available. It is legislation that is needed urgently. Please vote "Do pass" on HB 1781. Let's work together to keep kids safe. My husband was shoot and killed in an attempted robbery by a someone using drugs. It's important that we keep our youth as safe as we can.



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WITNESS NAME: APRIL COLEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to the bill currently under consideration, which could have devastating consequences for the hemp industry and retailers across Missouri. As a member of the community deeply invested in this issue, I implore you to carefully consider the implications of this bill on our families, businesses, and communities before making any decisions. This bill threatens to jeopardize the livelihoods of nearly 5,000 retailers in Missouri whose businesses rely heavily on hemp sales, including my own. For businesses like mine, where hemp constitutes 95% of our sales, this legislation poses an existential threat that could have dire consequences for our families and the communities we serve statewide. The repercussions of this bill extend far beyond individual businesses. If enacted, it would lead to the closure of numerous stores, causing significant economic damage and leaving many communities without access to legal hemp products. Moreover, it would drive consumers back to the illegal market overnight, undoing years of progress in dismantling the black market for cannabis. Hemp stores have long advocated for sensible regulation, including measures such as restricting sales to individuals aged 21 and above, implementing childproof packaging requirements, and conducting standard Certificate of Analysis (COA) testing. We fully support following the federal definition of hemp, which defines it as containing no more than 0.3% delta-9 THC by dry weight volume. It is crucial to recognize that federally legal hemp should not be handed over to federally illegal marijuana monopolies that have been attempting to control the cannabis industry in Missouri since its inception. By doing so, we would be undermining the progress made in ensuring access to safe and regulated hemp products for all Missourians. We must not overlook the fact that hemp has been instrumental in reducing the black market for cannabis. Pushing it back into the hands of illegal dealers would only serve to increase crime and endanger our communities. Additionally, hemp has consistently outperformed other industries 2 years in a row, including craft beer and medical and recreational marijuana, in terms of sales. I urge you to consider the voices of the many retailers and community members who rely on the hemp industry for their livelihoods. It is imperative that we do not erode the trust of the cannabis community by implementing shortsighted and detrimental policies. Instead, let us work together to establish sensible regulations that support hemp retailers and promote the well-being of our communities. We all have seen cannabis around for as long as we have lived, and it is not going anywhere any time soon. If you want to keep us safe, let's vote against this bill and for general hemp regulations that Eapan Thampy and Ron Hicks are suggesting as the voice for thousands of hemp retailers in Missouri, about 5,000. Today is not the day, we need a better plan or at least the general hemp regulation to support hemp retailers not tear them down. My family and the families of our 30 employees and tens of thousands of community members all pray you will do the right thing today and not move us backwards. In conclusion, I urge you to vote against this bill and instead support comprehensive hemp regulations that prioritize the interests of

retailers and consumers alike. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: ARIANNA DAWN LONG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Arianna and I currently work for Cannabiz Depot here in Osage Beach, MO. I have to say that this place saved my life. In multiple ways. I was not in a good place mentally when I came here and since expanding my knowledge on the product and making this my home, my life has made a 360. I've stopped all opioid usage, I've successfully removed myself from all forms of medication and now only control my mental issues with THCa and kratom products. I use to be a heavy THC user until I learned the benefits of THCa and noticed a significant difference in my mental state. I love this shop, I love this product and I love the family I've created here. To lose all this would mean I would lose everything I've worked so hard for over the past 1yr. If you knew me a year ago you would understand how significant of a change this is for me and my family. My owners have become my family and I've watched from a distance and close up how this has changed their lives so remarkably. I strive to be like that.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN TAYLOR		PHONE NUMBER: 314-393-8468
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WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655	
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We support this bill because as the use of marijuana and these other "Intoxicating Cannabinoids" becomes more prevalent and more people are now able to partake of this narcotic, then they should be held accountable for their actions.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL COX		PHONE NUMBER:
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DO PASS! THESE PRODUCTS ARE BEING SOLD TO OUR KIDS IN KIRKSVILLE - WE SEE THEM ON OUR STORE SHELVES!!! Part of my job/volunteer work/community interest is in keeping youth/pregnant mothers safe from harms like drug availability. THC isomers like Delta 8 and other intoxicating THC products are widely available in Missouri and they are currently unregulated because the Missouri legislature hasn't assigned an executive department the authority to regulate them. HB 1781 has been referred to your committee. This bill, sponsored by Representative Chad Perkins and co-sponsored by Representative Josh Hurlbert, would assign executive authority to DHSS to regulate these products. This ability to regulate the products would help make these intoxicating cannabinoids less available to youth/pregnant moms. We know from decades of research that decreasing availability means that youth will be less likely to use if the products are less available. It is legislation that is needed urgently. Please vote "Do pass" on HB 1781



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WITNESS NAME: CHASE CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-864-0972	
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WITNESS NAME: CHIEF CHIRS DIGIUSEPPI		PHONE NUMBER: 636-625-7957
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WITNESS NAME: CHIEF ROBERT SHOCKEY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-574-0044	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI POLICE CHIEFS ASSOC.		TITLE: EXEC. DIR.	
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WITNESS NAME: CHRIS LINDSEY		PHONE NUMBER: 406-540-2323
REPRESENTING: AMERICAN TRADE ASSOC. FOR CANNABIS AND HEMP		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISHION LEGGS		PHONE NUMBER:
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I support this. It provides jobs for our city. These products help me to focus. Please do not prohibit these products.



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WITNESS NAME: DARRELL LEE MOORE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-0619	
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Testimony of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys in Support of House Bill 1781
 The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) strongly supports House Bill 1781, which would insure that all intoxicating cannabinoids are subject to the same regulation as marijuana, which happens to be the best-known intoxicating cannabinoid. In passing Constitutional Amendment 3 in 2022, the people of the State of Missouri attempted to insure that cannabis was distributed pursuant to a regulatory scheme and only available from licensed dispensaries. Unfortunately, other intoxicating cannabinoids can be easily found and purchased in convenience stores and other locations throughout Missouri. For example, vape cartridges advertised as containing Delta-8 are prevalent in retail locations all across Missouri. Those vape cartridges are completely unregulated and unmonitored as to their ingredients, strength, and possible adulteration. Delta-8 is an intoxicating, synthetic cannabinoid that delivers a “high” very similar to that of marijuana. Delta-8 contains THC—the full name is tetrahydrocannabinol—which is the main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Despite the fact that it is illegal to sell THC in Missouri but for some very narrow exceptions under the law, Delta-8 vape cartridges run rampant in Missouri, often being purchased by minors. Worse yet, when used, Delta-8 provides essentially the same “high” as marijuana. The unregulated sale of Delta-8 poses a significant risk to public safety.

The citizens of Missouri saw fit to ensure that marijuana is sold only subject to regulation and in a licensed dispensary in part, as the text of Amendment 3 stated, “to protect public health by ensuring the safety of marijuana and products containing marijuana.” Delta-8 and other intoxicating cannabinoids contain the same active intoxicant—THC—found in marijuana. They should be subject to the same regulatory scheme and distributed only from the same dispensaries as marijuana. For these reasons, MAPA urges the adoptio



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WITNESS NAME: DET. DANIEL RODRIGUEZ		PHONE NUMBER: 636-614-6943
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WITNESS NAME: DR. TRISH HURFORD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ERIC WALTER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-342-8061	
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WITNESS NAME: GARRETT WEBB		PHONE NUMBER: 219-229-1104	
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The Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics and our 1,100+ physician, trainee and pediatric-provider members strongly support this legislation to protect children and prevent access to intoxicating cannabinoids for minors.



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WITNESS NAME: JB WAGGONER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-728-1911	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: INOVATIA AGRITESTING SERVICES, LLC		TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR	
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Chairman Roberts and Members of the Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee, I write to you today to offer support for HB1781, the Intoxicating Cannabinoid Control Act, which seeks to establish control of all intoxicating cannabinoid products in Missouri, regardless of their source. As an owner-operator of two, third-party analytical laboratories, I have had the privilege of collaborating with numerous state and federal agencies as a provider of both analytical testing and research and development services. These agencies include the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) and its Division of Cannabis Regulation (DCR), and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). With this experience, now spanning 3 decades, I bring an emphasis on the critical importance of comprehensive regulation and product testing in safeguarding public health. My support for HB1781 is rooted in the fact that, currently, the distribution and sales of hemp-derived intoxicants in Missouri (and many other states) remains unfettered. Products containing these intoxicants are widely available in standard retail outlets. Many are packaged to look like common candy/snack products that are often marketed to and consumed by children. As well, many lack proper labeling, leaving consumers unaware of their origin, composition, and potential risks associated with their consumption. In sharp contrast to this is the system established in Missouri to regulate marijuana products, which undergo rigorous testing by third-party, certified labs to ensure product integrity, the absence of contaminants, and the production of information to support proper labeling to deliver of valuable information to the consumer prior to use. This regulatory disparity poses a danger to Missourians of all ages, as these products enter the marketplace without adequate scrutiny or oversight. House Bill 1781 represents a critical step towards rectifying this regulatory gap by establishing comprehensive control over all intoxicating cannabinoid products, regardless of their source. By subjecting these products to stringent testing and regulatory standards, the bill seeks to ensure they meet the same rigorous safety requirements as other products containing intoxicants, including marijuana. Conveniently, it achieves this by folding the issue into an existing program designed for this very purpose. These measures are essential to protecting public health and preventing the proliferation of potentially hazardous substances in our communities. In conclusion, I urge you to endorse HB1781 and take decisive action to address the public safety concerns associated with unregulated intoxicants. By implementing comprehensive regulations and testing requirements, we will take an important step toward protecting the well-being of Missourians and establishing a higher standard of consumer protection. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, JB Waggoner Founder/Managing Director, Inovatia AgriTesting Services Founder/Managing Partner, Inovatia Laboratories jwaggoner@testinglab-mo.com 660-728-1911



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I know there are many stories of students being able to purchase these intoxicating cannabinoids from gas stations and then bringing them to school and challenging the administrators and the SROs that they can't do anything about it because it says right on the packaging that it is 100% legal product. But I actually want to take a step back and talk about the need to regulate the products. Executive departments only have the authority given to them by congress and since the intoxicating cannabinoids market began with the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, Missouri really hasn't assigned any department the authority to regulate them. Not the department of Agriculture and not the Department of Health and Senior Services. At it's most basic, the Intoxicating Cannabinoids Act is just assigning authority and giving a framework to exercise that authority. It is the bare minimum that should be done at this stage of the game. Any opposition you will hear is from industry insiders who have quickly grown accustomed to no regulation. The longer we leave the problem like it is, the more difficult it will be to impose regulation later. Many today might say they are in favor of regulation but are telling you that this bill isn't the correct regulation. That is a tactic to delay regulation. If they have not suggested a different solution, please move forward with this one. We have to be able to prevent our youth from being able to purchase these products from gas stations. Health harms such as decreased motivation, decreased focus, poor school attendance and poor memory skills are already being observed due to youth using these products. Please assign authority to an executive branch agency to regulate these products and give the framework with which to regulate it. Division of Cannabis Regulation and Article XIV are the easiest and best ways to accomplish this.



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Having thc a flower and buying it from smoke shops



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I am 100% in favor of regulations but a total ban is not what this state needs. I see on a daily basis how much this bill has helped patients become less dependent on prescription medications. Lives would be ruined if a total ban is implemented. Think of the people!



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI POISON CENTER AT SSM HEALTH CARDINAL GLENNON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL		TITLE: DIRECTOR	
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314.772.8300 office ? 314.612.5740 fax February 8, 2024 Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: My name is Julie Weber and I am the Director of the Missouri Poison Center at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital and the Immediate Past President of America’s Poison Centers. I am in support of HB 1781. This bill provides a definition of “CBD” and the variety of cannabinoid products in Missouri and will provide protection and regulation for the safety of all citizens in Missouri. The Missouri Poison Center has concerns about the variety of cannabinoid products available for use and misuse in the state. Mastering the ever-increasing spectrum of THC and cannabis derivatives is a daunting task. Misapplication of the 2018 Federal “Farm Bill” that legalized hemp and its derivatives allows internet sites and small-volume producers that supply the head shops/gas-station markets to sell sources of cannabinoid products that are not regulated, and therefore their content, quality, and safety are not assured. The actual chemical composition and dose may be different from what is on the label. The poison center has concerns over accessibility, standardization, quality control, and adulteration of the various products. As an example, the popular ?8-THC is not extracted from the cannabis plant because there are only minor amounts. It is made by processing CBD (cannabidiol) which *is* produced in substantial quantities in many varieties of hemp. As with many organic syntheses, it is prone to side reactions, including production of ?9 and ?11-THC. A 2022 publication (Ray et al; Molecules) re-analyzed ten ?8 commercial products and identified numerous impurities, even among those that had a Certificate of Analysis claiming nothing else was there. They identified three potential sources of problems – the use of impure CBD feedstock, poor post-reaction purification, and poor analytical practices during certification of purity. Production from low-budget marketers is likely to display even more variability in content, inaccurate quantitation, and potential toxicity. This insight can be combined with clinical reports of toxicity from ?8-THC products in children and teenagers. Despite the “less-potent” nature of this cannabinoid, encephalopathy and decreased breathing requiring mechanical ventilation have occurred. Other less-severe effects, similar to ?9-THC, include decreased blood pressure, increased heart rate, dizziness, stumbling, drowsiness, and distorted vision. It is not yet known what role the ?9-THC and other impurities are playing in ?8-THC toxicity. Delta-8 is readily available and easy to purchase. But more worrisome, the packaging looks similar to food items. Now, we are seeing an increase in poisoning in children from delta-8 products along with the rapidly increasing exposures to children 5 and younger to the cannabis edibles. There are several risk factors when it comes to children accessing delta-8 products. The largest reason is that there are no federal or state-level regulations on this substance. Additionally, there are no

guidelines for proper labeling or packaging. Without appropriate guidelines for packaging, users will not know what the product contains and risk overdosing. Packaging is also made appealing to children by featuring bright colors, cartoon images and often mimics store-bought candies and sweets. Most children eat these products because they find gummies or brownies that they thought were okay to eat. Frequently, the packaging looks almost identical to common candy brands and other food items. Forty-three percent of cases reported to the Missouri Poison Center involve children 5 and younger, so not only is packaging a concern for delta-8 products but also the cannabis edibles. The Missouri Poison Center received 515 poisoning exposure cases for all age groups about THC and the cannabis derivatives in 2023. This is almost twice the number of cases (278) managed in 2021. In 2023, 87% of these cases involved cannabis edibles and children 5 years and younger were represented in 204 of the exposures. At the Missouri Poison Center, we have seen a steady increase of exposures related to accessibility and misidentification related to children 5 years or younger consuming cannabis. Our data shows that the total number of calls have more than doubled every year since 2018. Most exposures were ingestion of edibles but other cannabis products including concentrates, dried plant, capsule or pill form, vape liquid, and others were identified. In the just first month of 2024, the National Poison Data System received 1,887 reports of people exposed to delta-8 THC, Cannabidiol (CBD), and Edible Marijuana. About 85% of the calls were due to exposures at a person's own residence, and 56% of the exposures were kids younger than 18."America's 55 poison centers are among the first to identify emerging public health threats. In 2012, the Missouri Poison Center identified the rising number of exposures to K2 that led to the DEA's ban on synthetic marijuana and bath salts. This current public health hot topic trend needs to be addressed now before the exposures continue to rise and harm more in our communities. We respectfully ask the committee to support HB 1781. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Respectfully submitted, Julie A. Weber RPh, CSPI



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We as a business wouldnt last without these products but not just that the elderly that rely on these products wouldnt make it as they are scared of marijuana as yall had it banned there entire life and they are scared of going to dispensary an not looking for that type of high or even a high just the relief that other cannabinoids give you



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My name is Kim Sallin. Part of my job as the director of a local public health department, my interest is in keeping youth/pregnant mothers safe from harms like drug availability. THC isomers like Delta 8 and other intoxicating THC products are widely available in Missouri and they are currently unregulated because the Missouri legislature hasn't assigned an executive department the authority to regulate them. HB 1781 has been referred to your committee. This bill, sponsored by Representative Chad Perkins and co-sponsored by Representative Josh Hurlbert, would assign executive authority to DHSS to regulate these products. This ability to regulate the products would help make these intoxicating cannabinoids less available to youth/pregnant moms. We know from decades of research that decreasing availability means that youth will be less likely to use if the products are less available. It is legislation that is needed urgently. Please vote Do pass" on HB 1781



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My name is Lauren Crome. Part of both my job as a public health employee, and my volunteer work is keeping youth safe from harms like drug availability. THC isomers like Delta 8 and other hemp-derived THC products are widely available in Missouri. Currently, they are unregulated because the Missouri legislature hasn't assigned an executive department the authority to regulate them. HB 1781 has been referred to your committee. This bill, sponsored by Representative Chad Perkins and co-sponsored by Representative Josh Hurlbert, would assign executive authority to DHSS to regulate these products. This ability to regulate the products would help make these intoxicating cannabinoids less available to youth. We know from decades of research that decreasing availability means that youth will be less likely to use harmful substances. We also know that these substances, which are frequently packaged in colors and flavors that are appealing to minors, are damaging to developing brain chemistry. Pediatric use of THC and alcohol are linked to vastly higher likelihood of future substance abuse and mental/behavioral health problems. In an era where addiction is a public health crisis, this legislation is urgently needed. Please vote "Do pass" on HB 1781.



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Limiting hemp based products to dispensaries is ridiculous. Delta 8 and the other fake "THC" variations have no documented psychoactive effects; most studies seem to indicate the Placebo Effect is at cause to any perceived intoxication. Head shops and tobacco shops are perfectly capable of selling such products in a regulated way.



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Hello, my name is Marianne Tobin. As a mother, youth volunteer and the spouse of a staff member of the Kearney, MO School District it is extremely important to me that we create drug free environments for the children in our communities. I believe that it is our responsibility to regulate all drugs, legal and illegal, to safe guard our children and prevent easy access of these substances. Please allow applicable agencies to regulate the sale of Intoxicating Canniboids so our children cannot access them easily intentionally or accidentally believing they are candy from gas stations. Thank you.



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The Honorable Members of the Missouri House of Representatives Missouri State Capitol 201 W Capitol Ave Jefferson City, MO 65101 I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proliferation of intoxicating Hemp THC products in our community of Troy, Missouri. This issue hits close to home as my underage nephew recently purchased one of these products from a local unlicensed "smoke shop" in our hometown of Troy and subsequently fell severely ill. He experienced persistent vomiting every day for several weeks, was unable to keep any food down other than water and lost a staggering 30 pounds. His condition prompted numerous visits to the ER and urgent care with his concerned parents, resulting in extensive blood and other tests to diagnose his illness. The severity of this situation is compounded by the alarming ease with which underage individuals can access these harmful THC products. My sister, in her distress over her son's illness, visited the same "smoke shop" (V-Twin Vapors, 10 Centerline Dr., Troy, Mo 63379) and was shocked to find that the clerk, who appeared ill-informed and untrained, incorrectly asserted that individuals only need to be 18 years old to purchase these products, despite clear packaging indicating an age requirement of 21 and over. To make matters worse, the clerk openly admitted her aversion to using these products herself, citing their adverse effects on her health. Also deeply troubling, is the marketing of these products to underage individuals. It is both unethical and perilous for THC products to mimic well-known candy brands, such as Skittles, as this deceptive marketing tactic not only encourages underage consumption but also poses a serious risk of accidental ingestion by toddlers and young children. I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it firsthand with my own eyes, but it's happening right under our noses. It only stands to reason then, if cigarette manufacturers are barred from using cartoon mascots, youth-related themes, or misleading packaging in their marketing, it would be utterly absurd and dangerous for lawmakers to allow THC products to be sold and marketed to closely resemble a kindergartener's beloved candy. These concerns are underscored by a recent news story wherein several teens purchased a THC product from a convenience store in St. Louis, resulting in all of them being hospitalized. The very term "convenience store" implies accessibility and ease of access, but when it comes to substances like THC, especially for minors, convenience should never be a consideration. You can locate the referenced news story by following this link: https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/4-sumner-high-school-students-hospitalized-after-eating-possible-marijuana-edibles/article_0ece7a64-c601-11ee-8938-c368e060f94a.html#tracking-source=home-the-latest In conclusion, I earnestly urge you to not only recognize the gravity of this situation but also to take decisive action. It is imperative to acknowledge that it is both a logical and an ethical responsibility to restrict the sale of THC products exclusively to licensed establishments. By doing so, we can guarantee rigorous age verification protocols, effective regulatory oversight, and the presence of knowledgeable staff who can mitigate unintended exposure and advocate for responsible usage. Contrastingly, allowing sales in convenience stores or unregulated "smoke shops" has already

led to many scenarios in which ill-equipped convenience store clerks and cashiers inadvertently sell these products to minors without proper checks or balances in place, exacerbating the misuse of THC substances and causing harm to said minors. Additionally, education and awareness programs should be implemented to inform adolescents and their parents about the risks associated with these substances. I urge you to prioritize this matter and take the necessary steps to safeguard the wellbeing of our youth. Let us work together to ensure that the purchase of THC products is never "convenient" for minors and that our communities remain safe and healthy environments for all. Thank you for your attention to this pressing issue. Respectfully submitted, Megan McMurray



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This industry saves lives. It kills less people than prescription drugs and alcohol, which is pushed on us. Hemp is safe and makes people come together.



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So ur saying it's ok to grow but a place of business can't sell it but dispensary can' how that make sense why because the government don't get the money lol I think we all should be able to sell it it's medicine for the world God put this here for us and u all taxing the hell out of it just to stay rich while we all struggle I been smoking for 25 years and not till now have I see it being this much cost colorful vibes is the cheapest place to get it I can't spend less this 15 on a gram and with u all taxing it so much im spending well over \$20 a gram at dispensary \$50+ on 3.5g at dispensary \$32 at colorful vibes i been going to colorful vibes cuz dispensary is way way way to much



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHAN CRAIG PHELPS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-712-3588	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GRATEFUL HEADZ "SIKESTON"		TITLE: OWNER	
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Hello, my name is Stephan Phelps and I own a business named "Grateful Headz Sikeston" that sells hemp products with the cannabinoids the dispensaries are trying to monopolize. Regulation is a must, but a total ban would lead to nothing but zero competition for dispensaries, a monopoly, and destroy my business with countless other small businesses I know personally. Hemp flower has changed countless lives. I have seen personally that it does nothing but benefit communities when you have lab tested products with competitive pricing. That has never been an issue in business, and does nothing but make places want to improve. Delta nine is the only federally regulated cannabinoid while there are 12 deltas total that make up THC. Because dispensary products have above .3% delta nine THC, They charge a high price premium for everything they have. I've worked for Grateful Headz for almost 4 years straight and have seen thousands of people benefit from the price difference quality control they are able to buy with confidence from us. Many people in small communities aren't able to keep up with any pricing that dispensary places on products because they are able to run rampant with pricing due to lack of competition. The same people will have to go without medicine, or go without others necessities so they can afford their medicine if this bill passes. PLEASE Missouri think about the small businesses multimillion dollar corporations that don't care about genuinely helping people but only putting more money in their bank accounts.



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I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to the bill currently under consideration, which could have devastating consequences for the hemp industry and retailers across Missouri. As a member of the community deeply invested in this issue, I implore you to carefully consider the implications of this bill on our families, businesses, and communities before making any decisions. This bill threatens to jeopardize the livelihoods of nearly 5,000 retailers in Missouri whose businesses rely heavily on hemp sales, including my own. For businesses like mine, where hemp constitutes 95% of our sales, this legislation poses an existential threat that could have dire consequences for our families and the communities we serve statewide. The repercussions of this bill extend far beyond individual businesses. If enacted, it would lead to the closure of numerous stores, causing significant economic damage and leaving many communities without access to legal hemp products. Moreover, it would drive consumers back to the illegal market overnight, undoing years of progress in dismantling the black market for cannabis. Hemp stores have long advocated for sensible regulation, including measures such as restricting sales to individuals aged 21 and above, implementing childproof packaging requirements, and conducting standard Certificate of Analysis (COA) testing. We fully support following the federal definition of hemp, which defines it as containing no more than 0.3% delta-9 THC by dry weight volume. It is crucial to recognize that federally legal hemp should not be handed over to federally illegal marijuana monopolies that have been attempting to control the cannabis industry in Missouri since its inception. By doing so, we would be undermining the progress made in ensuring access to safe and regulated hemp products for all Missourians. We must not overlook the fact that hemp has been instrumental in reducing the black market for cannabis. Pushing it back into the hands of illegal dealers would only serve to increase crime and endanger our communities. Additionally, hemp has consistently outperformed other industries 2 years in a row, including craft beer and medical and recreational marijuana, in terms of sales. I urge you to consider the voices of the many retailers and community members who rely on the hemp industry for their livelihoods. It is imperative that we do not erode the trust of the cannabis community by implementing shortsighted and detrimental policies. Instead, let us work together to establish sensible regulations that support hemp retailers and promote the well-being of our communities.



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EMAIL: whitneymell12@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 5:57 PM

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There are many positive things that you can gain from cannabis use. It has personally helped with my migraines, pain, insomnia, anxiety, and depression. Hemp is an amazing organic herb that can potentially help so many people. It also has brought in tons of jobs for the people and can help our economy in the long run.



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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM BUNCH		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: billbunch2003@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 11:28 AM
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My name is Bill Bunch. A primary focus of the St. Francois Community Partnership of which I am the Executive Director, is to help keep youth/pregnant mothers safe from harms like drug availability. THC isomers like Delta 8 and other intoxicating THC products are widely available in Missouri and they are currently unregulated because the Missouri legislature hasn't assigned an executive department the authority to regulate them. HB 1781 has been referred to your committee. This bill, sponsored by Representative Chad Perkins and co-sponsored by Representative Josh Hurlbert, would assign executive authority to DHSS to regulate these products. This ability to regulate the products would help make these intoxicating cannabinoids less available to youth/pregnant moms. We know from decades of research that decreasing availability means that youth will be less likely to use if the products are less available. It is legislation that is needed urgently. Please take the first step to limit availability of these substances by voting "Do pass" on HB 1781



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WITNESS NAME: ADAM THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: medicadam18@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 8:00 AM
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I'm in opposition because There are many none intoxicating benefits to hemp. Also, this is my only source of income, banning hemp will cause me to be unemployed.



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WITNESS NAME: ALEXANDRA FAVER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: afaver0424@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 2:07 PM

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In watching this hearing I am disappointed. Most of the folks who testified, except the farmer, did not even properly state the correct statutory definition for hemp. It is less than 0.3% DELTA-9-THC by dry weight. Anything above 0.3% DELTA-9-THC by dry weight is a controlled substance under federal law. Anything below that threshold is specifically lawful. Congress intended for the wide application of hemp beyond "rope" and "automotive uses". This is clear through the plain language including isomers, derivatives, extracts, etc. MOCANN has pumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into this bill, in an attempt to monopolize the cannabis industry. There is not a SINGLE provision in the 2018 farm bill that uses "psychoactive" or "intoxicating" as the test for differentiating hemp from marijuana. It is completely made up, and it is disappointing that the marijuana industry is allowed to testify that this test exists when it simply does not. Hemp, whether "intoxicating" or not, if it is less than 0.3% DELTA-9-THC, it is hemp. Whether or not it is psychoactive, it is simply not the legal test to distinguish it other wise. To put it under a federally ILLEGAL substance category simply makes no sense. It would cause more confusion for not only law enforcement to label such products as marijuana, but the every day consumer. This is because its factually, and legally, incorrect. The interstate commerce and constitutional issues this bill presents are vast and I don't believe has been thought out. Again, no one disagrees with the first 5 points of regulation. Giving this industry over to a federally illegal one, is quite frankly disingenuous. The access limitation (price and location) would be severe. This bill seeks to punish the good actors, and provide additional greed to corporate owned marijuana conglomerates. If we are trying to keep intoxicating products out of the hands of children, and consumers safe, this isn't the proper way to effectuate that goal. This bill only serves to strip jobs and business, while stripping consumers of access and choice. Enact common sense legislation without being tricked into supporting a monopoly. I am happy to meet with you to supply more education and information. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: ALI ZAMANI		PHONE NUMBER: 314-680-6363
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: A&A WHOLESALE LLC ;Z'S SMOKE CO		TITLE: OWNER OF Z'S SMOKE CO
ADDRESS: 180 LAMAR PKWY, STE 103		
CITY: PACIFIC		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63069
EMAIL: zsmokeco@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:19 AM

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Just like our smoke shop, there are hundreds in MO, that are finally doing better finally because of the THCA products. If you ban it, the amount of sales will decrease and less sales tax will flow back to the government. And most stores will either lay people off or completely shut the doors. Not to mention the wholesalers that will have to dispose of products and lose alot of money. Its unjust to lean towards dispensarys just because they have more funds, just like getting a dispensary license was nearly impossible for a average person to start the business. Even if 100 smoke shops pay 5000 in sales tax a month, thats 500,000 a month minimum...6mil in sales tax that will be cut in half or even vanish because of it. This will hinder many business owners and there lives, the dispensary are still up and running, but smokeshops/vape shops will struggle and close down in 6 months.



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WITNESS NAME: ANGELA RESCHKE	PHONE NUMBER: 816-918-8846	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: EXCELSIOR SPRINGS JOB CORPS	TITLE: BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST	
ADDRESS: 701 ST. LOUIS AVE		
CITY: EXCELSIOR SPRINGS	STATE: MO	ZIP: 64024
EMAIL: reschke.angela@jobcorps.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/7/2024 5:31 PM

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My name is Angela Reschke. Part of my job/volunteer work/community interest is in keeping youth/pregnant mothers safe from harms like drug availability. THC isomers like Delta 8 and other intoxicating THC products are widely available in Missouri and they are currently unregulated because the Missouri legislature hasn't assigned an executive department the authority to regulate them. HB 1781 has been referred to your committee. This bill, sponsored by Representative Chad Perkins and co-sponsored by Representative Josh Hurlbert, would assign executive authority to DHSS to regulate these products. This ability to regulate the products would help make these intoxicating cannabinoids less available to youth/pregnant moms. We know from decades of research that decreasing availability means that youth will be less likely to use if the products are less available. It is legislation that is needed urgently. Please vote "Do pass" on HB 1781. My daughter had a delta 8 vape and I wanted to see what the effects were. I used it one time and for about 2 hours I felt like I was in 3 different places at one time. I can't imagine if a young person was trying to drive feeling like this. Thanks.



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WITNESS NAME: ANGELICA MICHELLE STRELAK		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: angiemiller1980@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 11:25 AM
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WITNESS NAME: ANNA MEIER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: meier.annac@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 11:33 AM
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These cannabinoids help countless of people and dispensaries have certain hours where other stores are able to have varying hours to help a different group of people. Getting rid of this gets rid of some of the people all together & even worsens some people's situations. What if the head shop down the street is the only place they get their gummies because dispensary is too strong and they slept all day due to medical conditions that are ongoing in their life? If this passes, they can no longer do that, and then a lot of places are less help to people.



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WITNESS NAME: ANTHONY LAWBER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: tonylawber@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 12:15 PM

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Cannabis is better than alcohol and doesn't overpower the way you think like alcohol does but alcohol is sold in almost every gas station and supermarket we have in the state and there's a alcohol store on almost every corner. Alcohol can cause spouses abuse and people to rob and kill innocent people but there has never in history been anyone that smoked cannabis and got mad for no reason and started fighting with anyone for no reason. It's less likely to be high on weed and reck a car and kill somebody but drinking alcohol is very likely to kill somebody from driving. This law doesn't make sense, we should be sporting more cannabis stores than liquor stores in the state.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 11:53 PM
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I am Opposed to this Bill. there NEEDS to be Enforcement to protect ALL minors from getting a hold of and consumption. Do NOT abolish Hemp Production and Sale of products.



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EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 11:58 PM	

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I am Opposed to this Bill as it is written. I want Regulations and Responsible Safety and Protections of these Products, but yet I do NOT want to put small and family businesses out-of-business, because they can not afford implementation of Regulations, Cameras, Alarms and Computer Tracking Software. We NEED to make sure that Children under the age of 21 are NOT able to Purchase these products and the use of the mighty dollar with profits. The Marijuana Industry and heavily highly priced lobbyists are pushing to drive out and close small businesses that are selling Hemp Products, Kratom, T.H.C. and other Natural Crystals. These products are deemed appropriate and allowed to be sold legally by the United States Federal Government. The Sale of Naturally Produced Ingredients and Materials is an ever changing industry. What is next, the State regulating the toothpaste that I decide to brush my teeth with. Or the strength and brand of toilet-paper that I use. Law Enforcement and the General Assembly NEED to go after the Bad-Actors and the Bad-Apples, concocting bad mixtures and malicious irresponsible strains. These people NEED to be punished and held accountable/Responsible. How are Small and Family Businesses or Gas Stations going to afford the \$20,000 State Application Fee, Implementation of State and Local Regulations, Enhanced and Increased Security, Inspections, Background Checks, additional Testing Mandates and I could go on and on on the Hundreds of Thousands To Millions of Dollars of Government Regulations and Red-Tape. And at the End-of-the-Day, you are going to still have bad actors selling these and newly found products on the street, without being regulated and controlled. Let's all think about the ramifications and think this bill out thoroughly for all sides to be winners and profitable to Missouri's Economy!



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I am Opposed to this bill and its intension.



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WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY CHANCE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: goldengunn7177@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 3:51 PM
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WITNESS NAME: BRENDA WILZBACH		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: wilzbg@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/7/2024 5:35 PM
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My name is Brenda Wilzbach. Part of my job/volunteer work/community interest is in keeping youth/pregnant mothers safe from harms like drug availability. THC isomers like Delta 8 and other intoxicating THC products are widely available in Missouri and they are currently unregulated because the Missouri legislature hasn't assigned an executive department the authority to regulate them. HB 1781 has been referred to your committee. This bill, sponsored by Representative Chad Perkins and co-sponsored by Representative Josh Hurlbert, would assign executive authority to DHSS to regulate these products. This ability to regulate the products would help make these intoxicating cannabinoids less available to youth/pregnant moms. We know from decades of research that decreasing availability means that youth will be less likely to use if the products are less available. It is legislation that is needed urgently. Please vote Do pass" on HB 1781



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WITNESS NAME: BRETT GROMOWSKI		PHONE NUMBER:
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ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: brettgromowski@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:58 AM
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Please do not do this. There are far too many people that rely on this from smoke shops. It's much cheaper and faster to get from there than a dispensary. Dispensaries already have a stronghold on the market.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: BRIAN OLIVER		PHONE NUMBER: 417-705-5916
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: EARTH FLOWER WELLNESS		TITLE: BUSINESS OWNER
ADDRESS: 3205 S. CAMPBELL AVE.		
CITY: SPRINGFIELD		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65807
EMAIL: sales@earthflowerorganics.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 9:58 PM

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Hello, my name is Brian Oliver & I own a Hemp & CBD retail shop in Springfield Mo. I am in opposition of HB 1781. I agree that all hemp derived intoxicating products need proper & compliant regulation. All retail stores should only sell these products to individuals that are 21 years or older with proper ID just like alcohol & tobacco. All products sold should be in child proof packaging. All products sold should have proper labeling with child safety warnings & a QR code going to a COA & other product information. I however strongly disagree with only allowing Marijuana dispensaries to sell these hemp products. As this is what HB 1781 would ultimately accomplish. We as hemp businesses have every legal right to sell & continue to sell Hemp & CBD products. Most if not all hemp operators, c-stores, CBD & Hemp stores are willing to compromise & work together for child safety and common sense regulations on hemp products. Allow us the opportunity to do the right thing & work with us to regulate our hemp market not take it away. Thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: BRIAN RIEGEL		PHONE NUMBER: 314-805-5826	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SOUTHPOINT HEMP INC.		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 50 HILINE DR.			
CITY: UNION		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63084
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: BRYCE ALLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bryce@topshelfhemp.co		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 3:05 PM

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I oppose HB1781 and bill 984 as written! Hemp products have helped me with multiple personal issues. I hear the same thing all the time from other individuals across our country and state. Citizens care about and need these safe products. There are reputable and safe brands in the state of Missouri and the US that regulate themselves and each other. I believe these brands and companies bring good business and economic value to the state of Missouri as well. If Hemp products are to be held under the umbrella of the MARIJUANA MONOPOLY (ALREADY ILLEGAL AND SHADY) then you will DESTROY hundreds of businesses and jobs in your own state!



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WITNESS NAME: CHINTAN PATEL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: chin11tan@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:50 AM
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Delta / THC-A Product are available in all smoke shops because of that Black Market are slowly going away so less under age people get hand on those products all store owners are very careful about their sales of products that has Alcohol and Tobacco. Local Police and other government officials are also checking time to time in all stores. So we already in right way to prevent from getting under age people. Also lots of businesses are relying on this product. If only dispensaries are allowing to sell, that will increase the black market again that's a government fighting from long time. It will be unfair to the small business owner. I'm strongly opposing this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRIS YARBROUGH		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: cyarbrough82@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:51 AM
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Dispensaries should not have the monopoly on products that are being age restricted at locations that sell this product. I strongly oppose this bill as it will kill many businesses in the state of Missouri. Why would you want to have all these residents lose their jobs. Please vote in opposition of this bill



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINA M. CHANDLER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-265-0804	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BOYER'S CBD		TITLE: STORE OWNER	
ADDRESS: 1444 JEFFCO BLVD			
CITY: ARNOLD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63010
EMAIL: boyerscbd@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 4:34 PM	

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This HB 1781 negatively impacts not only my business, I continue to hang onto dear life to stay open due to the slow down from Covid 19 and along with the 2022 Missouri recreational sale approval for cannabis dispensaries, already dominating a newly formed industry. Those are two aspects but now on an already pained human level. The customer base I serve is seeking relief from the failed pharmaceutical industry that started denying access to medications in this age group I serve, which is mainly 65 years old and up. According to this bill, Now they will be shuffled around again with finding a dispensary and the brand purchased prior, etc. Only allowing product access to dispensaries, is not a plentiful option as there are limited locations allowed from county to county in Missouri and this opens the consumer to price gauging and market share monopolies. Restricting access in this nature is a limited answer that will have adverse outcomes to consumers, store owners in Missouri and brands distributed from all over the United States into Missouri, in an already struggling economic climate for small businesses remaining operational. This bill I foresee, will decrease the tax revenue quite drastically by reducing market share access of the 2018 Federal Hemp Farm Bill passage of hemp derived Delta and THCa developed products. I implore the members to think about the broader picture and the adverse outcome to many by the passage of this bill to appease the very few in our state of Missouri.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE MEBRUER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-971-4836	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AMERICAN SHAMAN OF FENTON		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 468 OLD SMIZER MILL RD			
CITY: FENTON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63123
EMAIL: cmebruer1@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 1:23 PM	

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I opened my business 3/14/20 and two day later the world shut down for Covid. Needless to say it has been a daily struggle to stay open. The one thing that kept me going are my many many customers who I am able to provide pain relief, helping them to sleep, or helping their furbabies have a better quality of life. This bill will shut me down. Not only me, but many small businesses in MO. Please consider the amount of families, business, and people this will effect if this bill passes. Very sad that in this red state our gov wants to do this to my small little business after I have struggled to stay open after the gov Covid shutdowns.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER BEERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 636-399-0189	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BEERMAN FARMS; BEERMAN ENTERPRISES		TITLE: OWNER/OPERATOR	
ADDRESS: 1306 FAITH LN			
CITY: CARTHAGE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64836
EMAIL: chris@mysimplynatural.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 9:39 AM	

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Chris Beerman
 Beerman Farms 18221 E Weltmer Rd
 Sheldon, Missouri
 chris@mysimplynatural.com
 2/8/2024
 To the Honorable Members of the Missouri House Crime Prevention & Public Safety Committee,
 Subject: Opposition to HB 1781 - The Intoxicating Cannabinoid Control Act
 Dear Committee Members,
 I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1781, known as the Intoxicating Cannabinoid Control Act, on behalf of Beerman Farms, a dedicated hemp farming operation located in Sheldon, Missouri. This bill poses significant challenges to the hemp industry, jeopardizing the livelihoods of farmers like myself and stifling the growth of a sustainable and innovative agricultural sector in our state.
 HB 1781's reclassification of all THC products and intoxicating cannabinoids as marijuana under Article XIV of the Missouri Constitution is a direct threat to the emerging hemp industry. This redefinition could result in:
 1. Increased Regulatory Burdens: The classification will place undue regulatory and financial burdens on hemp producers, distinguishing not between hemp and marijuana based on THC content but broadly categorizing them together. This undermines the legal distinction established by the 2018 Farm Bill.
 2. Restricted Market Access: Limiting the sale of hemp-derived products to marijuana dispensaries significantly reduces access to these products for consumers, hindering the growth of the hemp market in Missouri and potentially leading to increased prices.
 3. Economic Impact: The bill threatens to derail the hemp industry's potential for expansion into industrial seed and fiber markets, which represent significant economic opportunities for Missouri's agricultural sector.
 4. Legal and Interstate Commerce Concerns: The act risks violating constitutional principles by interfering with interstate commerce and imposing restrictions that contradict federal legislation recognizing hemp as a legal agricultural commodity.
 In light of these concerns, I urge you to consider the detrimental effects HB 1781 will have on Missouri's hemp industry and its participants. As a farmer committed to sustainable and innovative agriculture, I respectfully request that the committee reject this bill and work towards regulations that support the growth and development of the hemp industry in Missouri.
 Thank you for your attention to this matter and for considering the perspectives of Missouri's hemp farmers and industry stakeholders.
 Sincerely,
 Chris Beerman
 Beerman Farms



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WITNESS NAME: CLAUDIA JEAN HEATHMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: claudiajh216@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 7:22 AM

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To those whom it may concern, as a worker in the hemp and cannabis industry, these products have not only brought me a livelihood but brought me peace through some physical and mental health issues. I would like for all of you to consider people like me in your decision today. People who can't rely on your typical medications and use these products to get through their day to day lifestyles and contribute to society in a better manner than without these. I truly believe these products make a difference and I see it everyday at work. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Claudia Heathman, Bud intern of Fenton Cannabis Dispensary.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: CODY HARRIS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-300-5577
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GRATEFUL HEADZ		TITLE: OWNER OF GRATEFUL HEADZ FRANCHISE
ADDRESS: 809 WEST PINE STREET		
CITY: POPLAR BLUFF	STATE: MO	ZIP: 63901
EMAIL: gheadzpb@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 8:50 AM

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Hello I'm Cody Harris the owner of the Grateful Headz franchise based out of Southeast Missouri. We opened our doors in September of 2019 with a mission to spread awareness on the medicinal use of hemp and Thca products. Since we opened we have helped hundreds of residents in our area overcome addiction to pharmaceuticals. We have helped cancer patients with their pain as well as appetite. As well as helping numerous others find alternatives to the addicting pharmaceuticals they was taking. So many lives we have witnessed a complete 360 with the help of our hemp products. We have helped so many locals and to think this can be all be taken away for what? Nothing more than corporate greed. Our products are intended for adult use and that's the only target we market. We always check I.ds and have passed every age check we have encountered. All our customers shop with us because they have the feel at home and comfortable talking and shopping with us because they see that we care about them more than we do a dollar. We educate every customer that walks in about our products. As well as showing that our products are safe with lab testing available to show on each product we carry. We opened up 8 locations in just under 5 years. We employee around 25 missouri residents that could potentially lose there job if you allow for this monopoly. This is nothing less than corporate greed. Small shops like Grateful Headz will not be able to stay open we will have to let our employees go. We take our jobs and business very seriously and would never jeopardize breaking any laws that could damage our business or cause it to be shut down. I feel more regulations is the key here not causing hundreds if not thousands of Missouri businesses to go under. We ask that you please consider the small business owners and our families and all of our employees and their families. We are not making millions like the Dispensaries pushing this bill. This is not a game to us as its our livelihood and businesses could easily go under if this bill goes through.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL BROWNING		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL WEST		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: djwest30@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 10:40 PM
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Dear Members of the Missouri House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee, I am writing you today to express my sincere opposition to the bill under consideration. This bill will take food out of the hands of over 5000 families that are in the hemp industry and depend on hemp sales. I am one of those families, and urge you to please consider not passing this bill. I manage a Hemp Dispensary in Fenton, Missouri and our sales heavily rely on hemp, it being 95% of our sales. This bill will ultimately just be a win for black markets sales and dangerous Cannabis products for your community. I pray that you take time to realize, this bill will do nothing but hurt our community. Daniel West, Manager at Fenton Cannabis Dispensary



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WITNESS NAME: DANNY JOE HARDEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dannyjoeh@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 10:17 PM
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It comforts my muscles after hard days work and helps me relax.



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WITNESS NAME: DARION		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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EMAIL: darion.mcvey@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 8:13 PM
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I work for a retail store that sells these cannabinoids, and if this bill passes the family owned business that employs me will cease to be open. If I lose my job at this job I will not be able to support my home or son financially.



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WITNESS NAME: DARLENE BILLINGS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: dragonvapor573@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 12:06 PM

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I have a small business and this decision would hurt our business and destroy many jobs. We support our small community and comply to all rules applied.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID POLATNIK		PHONE NUMBER: 314-562-3113	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CBD KRATOM		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: 12400 OLIVE BLVD, SUITE 100			
CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63141
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WITNESS NAME: EAPEN THAMPY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-673-5351
REPRESENTING: MO HEMP TRADE		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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EMAIL:		ZIP:
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WITNESS NAME: EAPEN THAMPY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-673-5351
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI HEMP TRADE ASSOCIATION		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY: KANSAS CITY	STATE: MO	ZIP: 64111
EMAIL: eapen@greatstatestrategies.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 11:21 AM
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1. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is empowered by Section 5 of the FTC Act gives the FTC enforcement jurisdiction over the deceptively marketed, copyright infringing products that we are all concerned about. These enforcement actions are ongoing: <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/news/press-releases/2023/07/ftc-sends-cease-desist-letters-fda-companies-selling-edible-products-containing-delta-8-thc>2. Insofar as the illegal, copyright infringing products of concern are being imported from China or any other foreign adversary, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) under the US Dept. of Homeland Security is empowered to seize these products at the border or ports of entry or wherever they may be found in the US. Local law enforcement frequently partners with CBP on similar enforcement.3. No hemp product manufacturer in Missouri fails to utilize industry best standards for product testing, packaging, labeling, or creates products that are attractive to children. 4. Ongoing litigation involving Delta Extraction demonstrates that the Article XIV marijuana program does not allow due process for alleged violations of rules: <https://themissouritimes.com/opinion-delta-extraction-is-ready-for-our-day-in-court/>. This program, which cannot be changed by the General Assembly because it is in the Constitution, is demonstrably deficient in how it is structured and operates.5. This Constitutional program has been roundly criticized for outright fraud and corruption by former State Rep. Jered Taylor (R-Nixa), former Chairman of the Special Committee on Governmental Oversight: <https://missouriindependent.com/2022/02/11/criticism-of-missouri-medical-marijuana-system-seeps-into-initiative-petition-debate/>. While reasonable regulations are supported by hemp industry operators, it would be an injustice to Missouri's hemp industry to sequester them in a program plagued by such egregious issues and public controversy.6. State Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick initiated an audit of the Article XIV marijuana program last August. It is not prudential to expand this program until this audit is complete and available to the public: <https://missouriindependent.com/2023/08/15/state-auditor-launches-inquiry-into-missouri-marijuana-program/>



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WITNESS NAME: ELISE M AROMANDO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: Aromando227@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:25 AM
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WITNESS NAME: ELLEN TERESA GRIMALDI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: grimaldeleresa@proton.me		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 8:58 PM

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To Whom It May Concern: Closing down any retail place that sells products with high cannabinoid content will directly effect the lives of many, myself included, and I don't just mean from a financial standpoint. I am a single mom, raising a 6 year old boy, and I am also an employee of one such establishment. Before getting the job where I work, I wasn't sure that I would be able to go back to work ever. Six years ago, I was in an extremely abusive and controlling relationship; one in which I narrowly lost my life to. The birth of my son was enough to make me realize that something wasn't quite right in the relationship, and he gave me the courage to seek out the help and tools necessary for us to escape the walls that confined us. The direct abuse might have stopped once we escaped, however, it has been a long and difficult road trying to undo the lasting impact that the years of mental abuse had taken on my mind and on my soul. Like I mentioned above, there were serious doubts held by myself, my family, and the wonderful therapists I've worked with as to whether or not I would capable of holding down a 'real' job ever again. But, I did and I am. Closing down such establishments would not only be a blow to all employees and their families, but also to the foundation that I have built my newfound strength, courage, and zest for life upon. Since being able to hold down a job at my place of employment I am not only a valued employee and team member, but I am a new person altogether; I am a better mom, a contributing member of my extended family church, and society as a whole. Not only that, but I have found a second home in my work family and I can't bear the thought of that being stripped away from me and my son. Therefore, I strongly oppose this bill and I hope you will do the same. Thank you for to your time and consideration. Have a blessed day.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: EMMITT MONSLOW		PHONE NUMBER: 913-220-1315
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SACRED LEAF		TITLE: OWNER
ADDRESS: 4128 PENNGLUIAN AVE.		
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WITNESS NAME: EVAN SCHNOOR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: evan.schnoor@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 6:16 PM

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Hemp derived intoxicating cannabinoids present practically zero downside to the general public. Not only are these products safe to use but they also provide many people with help that they desperately need to cope with mental/physical ailments and disabilities. Banning hemp derived intoxicating cannabinoids would prove to have a substantial negative impact on thousands of people's lives including my own. My bills, my food, my entire life is paid for by the revenue that these products create and the same can be said for countless other individuals. Please allow the people of Missouri to continue conducting business using these products.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: FRED BAHHUR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MO VAPOR		TITLE: OWNER
ADDRESS: 10283 MO 21 BUS		
CITY: HILLSBORO		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63050
EMAIL: fbahhur80@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:15 AM
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This is a large portion of the industry a ban on it will have reaping effects on our stores and employe's livelihood. We would also be hurting the state with the lack of tax dollars that we generate for not only the city and county but at the state level. Please vote to oppose this.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: GREG EIGENMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-527-6960	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PROHIBITION HEMP - PROHIBITION CANNABIS		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 7200 WORNALL ROAD			
CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64114
EMAIL: Gregandmelkc@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 5:57 PM	

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I own a business in Kansas City, We take pride in employing good people. Most have families & we think of our staff as family. If we are forced to close our doors because you want us governed under marijuana rules, it will impact my family tremendously. We have invested a lot of money & time into this business. We take more steps than required to ensure customer & employees safety. Our packaging is child proof, not child enticing etc. We are a federally compliant business & should remain that way.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: GREG LEE		PHONE NUMBER: 417-766-3476	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HEMPORIUM		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 2782 W LASALLE			
CITY: SPRINGFIELD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65807
EMAIL: greg@417hemp.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 8:41 AM	

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The Missouri hemp industry creates jobs and millions of dollars in tax revenue. This is too specific. Delta 8 and synthetic cannabinoids need to be banned, but hemp as it stands is federally legal. Do not lump them together.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: HASMUKHBHAI PATEL		PHONE NUMBER: 773-225-7997	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: TEJUTANI LLC		TITLE: MANAGING MEMBER	
ADDRESS: 11086 MIDLAND BLVD			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63146
EMAIL: hanuman2god@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 11:56 AM	

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i oppose this bill because it only benifits dispendory and merijuana is egal in missouri and its not effect anyone and its unjustice for small business



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merjuana is legal in missouri so this bill only benifits dispensory and harms small business .so we oppose this bill



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: HEATHER GRIZZARD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: hmgrizzard1216@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 7:17 PM
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I am a single mother of six children. I work two jobs in the hemp industry. I work in a retail position as well as with a wholesale company. My children & I rely on this income to make ends meet. If this bill is pushed through, I don't know where I would go to make the income I'm currently making.



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WITNESS NAME: JACOB FISHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jgfisher91@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:43 AM

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Corporations need to stop gatekeeping, and trying to control every market



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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: JADE OWENS		PHONE NUMBER: 816-205-5667
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CBD AMERICAN SHAMAN		TITLE: LEAD CHEMIST
ADDRESS: 2405 SOUTHWEST BLVD.		
CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 64055
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 12:00 AM
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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:		
WITNESS NAME: JAKE SILVERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI SMOKE FREE		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 14470 TEALCREST DR.		
CITY: CHESTERFIELD		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63017
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME: JAKE SILVERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-757-1135
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI SMOKE FREE		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: JAMES AROMANDO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: 72wholesale@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:40 AM

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We should have the right to choose if we use hemp products or not. There should be rules and regulations. Everyone should be able to take part in buying and selling hemp products. It's outrageous that a group of RICH people from out of state owns the majority of these Marijuana Companies.



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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: JAMIE TURNER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-778-6648
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GRATEFUL HEADZ DEXTER		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 1609 SYLVAN DRIVE		
CITY: POPLAR BLUFF		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63901
EMAIL: jhgraphicdesign@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 7:59 PM

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Please don't ban hemp in Missouri. It will affect so many people, businesses, cities and families. Yes, we need to regulate it. Yes, the packaging needs to be controlled. But most states that regulate hemp have standards for packaging and most manufacturers have already updated their packaging to reflect recent laws and changes. Hemp should be regulated just like alcohol where there are no sales under 21 and without an ID. Store owners and business managers are not inept. We follow the laws in other categories, why would we not with hemp? Give us a chance to correct it before we ban it. Don't ruin a good industry and kill small business. Hemp is my entire livelihood in Southeast Missouri. Without it, I have no business, no employees, and no access to the medicine I use DAILY. Please reconsider a ban and let's work together to make this right.



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Hello. My name is Jamie Turner and I am currently a small business owner in Southeast Missouri. I own and operate a small store in a small town and I do sell legal THC products. By legal, I do mean legal hemp derived products as defined in the 2018 Farm Hemp Bill. Before you roll your eyes at my testimony, please hear me out. I under the opposition of allowing these products to be sold freely in Missouri without regulation and I do agree that there should be some regulations. But putting a ban on the sale of these products by stores like myself is going to kill small business in Missouri and hurt a lot of families. A lot. My store is my sole income and it supports myself and my 4 children. In Missouri, cannabis is legal medically and recreationally. Dispensaries already own the market and our products are nothing compared to what is sold in dispensaries. For starters, our products are not being sold to minors like people in support of this bill make it seem. The pictures I've seen floating around in articles and news stories are Chinese packaging most usually found on the streets. Anyone can order that packaging and order drugs and cannabis off of WhatsApp, Telegram and other social media outlets and package it and resell it. I've seen it for years. But how many times have I seen that packaging in store? ZERO times. Businesses like mine are supporting families and we are putting our entire wellbeing at risk by selling products like that and selling to minors. Most of us vet our products before even putting on the shelves and I guarantee most of the store owners educate their customers about what they are buying. Also, the cannabis industry is behind a lot of these bans happening because stores like mine cut into their millions and millions of dollars of profits. The local dispensary in my town has spread rumors about my store to their customers for over a year now, telling their customers to stay away from me and my "unregulated products" because their "full of mold, arsenic and deadly chemicals". That is all hogwash. Missouri has made it to where an average Missourian can NOT afford a dispensary license and big canna from out of state have purchased the majority of them. Since there is a license cap, no one else has a way in. The micro license has proven to also be rigged, as you are well aware of all the scandals that have happened with license purchasing, etc. Let our businesses continue to sell these products but put some regulations on them. Let us apply for licenses just like alcohol and tobacco sales. Monitor us. We'll change the packaging. We'll make our stores 21+ only. But we need these products to stay in business. And it's not only that. Our products are more affordable by extreme margins to our customers. If you go to my local dispensary, you would spend double there than you would at my store. I cater to people living on fixed incomes and who just don't want to be tracked in dispensaries. You can't go to a dispensary and walk out with a product for under \$20, but you can in mine. We are HELPING people every single day. I, myself, am autoimmune and disabled, but still working and functioning off of products that I personally sell in my store. I relate to my customers and can help them afford an alternative medication. Please don't ban the products that are keeping my business alive. Please don't ban the products that are helping my community. Please don't kill small

business in Missouri. Let the dispensaries have their products and let us have ours. I am willing to bet that if you personally went to a majority of the stores in our state and talked to the owners, you would hear similar stories. My business is my life and I feel like it's on the line. I sold me house and property to open my store and this is heartbreaking knowing that I'm fighting for my business and customers AGAIN. Please help us. Let's put some regulations on the products and make sure we aren't selling to minors. But in my store, we sell to 21+, we vet our products and customers and we educate them properly. All of our products are in child proof packaging as well and I would love to have someone talk to me in person, if willing. Come see our side. It's not as bad a lobbyists make it out to be.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JASEN TRACKEY		PHONE NUMBER: 518-791-2074	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WEEDMAN AND GLASSMAN		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 4550 S. 107TH RD			
CITY: BOLIVAR		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65613
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 12:00 AM	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JEANETTA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: justjayy00@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:36 AM
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JESSE DENT		PHONE NUMBER: 636-293-5531	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: TRADER BOB'S		TITLE: CO-OWNER OF TRADER BOB'S (JONESBURG M.O.)	
ADDRESS: 201 WEST BOONESLICK ROAD			
CITY: JONESBURG		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63351
EMAIL: jessedent1998@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 3:14 PM	
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My name is Jesse Dent, and I'm a small business owner of the business known as "Trader Bob's" located in Jonesburg Missouri. My business struggles to make our deadlines. My business is located in a very small town and a lot of customers like to come to me for their "Intoxicating Cannabinoid." I oppose bill 984 because of multiple reasons. Firstly, I oppose to the monopolization of cannabinoids. The hemp industry is working very hard to regulate the use of cannabinoids and do an efficient job in making safe and effective products. Secondly, by shutting down the hemp industry we are effectively destroying hundreds of businesses. My business will for sure be greatly affected in this bill 984 passing as it currently stands and I don't know what we would do if the law happened to change. Also, this would result in tens of thousands of people, if not more, to lose their jobs. You'd be destroying so many people's livelihoods, including my own. This should be something for everybody... Not something that is monopolized by the rich. Please, Consider small business owners like myself whenever you make your final decision.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JOHN BURNS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-677-0617	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: STELLA BLUES VAPORS		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 340 SKINKER LN.			
CITY: FENTON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63026
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JOHN GIARRANTE		PHONE NUMBER: 314-645-7116	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: 618 SPIRITS LLC DBA SHOWME BEVERAGES		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 618 SPIRIT DRIVE STE 125			
CITY: CHESTERFIELD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63005
EMAIL: jgiarrante@showmebev.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 11:03 AM	

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Esteemed Chairman and distinguished Committee members, I am John Giarrante, the President and Owner of ShowMe Beverages, a prominent distributor in Missouri's vibrant wine and spirits industry. Today, I stand before you with unwavering support for age restrictions on the purchase of hemp products, coupled with sensible labeling, packaging, and testing requirements. In echoing the sentiment of responsible regulation, I firmly advocate for the integration of hemp products into the established three-tier system. This framework, meticulously honed since 1933, has been the cornerstone of our industry's success, fostering economic growth and safeguarding public welfare. Allow me to paint a vivid picture of the profound impact our industry has on Missouri's economy and public revenue. The wine and spirits sector alone sustains 27,070 jobs, with distributors employing 1,013 individuals and contributing \$82.8 million in wages. Across our 76 facilities, we service 27,823 retailers, driving a substantial \$384.0 million in state tax revenue, alongside \$35.9 million in state excise taxes diligently collected and remitted by wholesalers. Introducing industrial hemp beverage products presents an unparalleled opportunity to bolster Missouri's coffers without incurring additional expenses. Leveraging our existing infrastructure, we can seamlessly integrate these products into our distribution channels, thereby unlocking significant tax benefits for our state. Moreover, when it comes to public safety, there exists no better steward than the wine, spirits, and beer distributors of Missouri. With decades of experience and a steadfast commitment to compliance, we are uniquely positioned to uphold stringent age restrictions and ensure that intoxicating beverages reach only licensed retailers who meticulously verify age requirements. In conclusion, I express my deepest gratitude for your invaluable time and attention to this crucial matter. By embracing responsible regulation and harnessing the collective expertise of our industry, we can forge a path towards economic prosperity and public safety for all Missourians. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN GRADY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-440-6290	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SLAPHAPPY HEMP COMPANY		TITLE: PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	
ADDRESS: 2405 HWY. K			
CITY: HERMANN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65041
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 12:00 AM	
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JOHN ROBERT AROMANDO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jaroman382@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 1:31 PM
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No reason to make these products illegal



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WITNESS NAME: JORDAN THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jkthompson12@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:34 AM
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I am a customer of these products and this bill is detrimental to the industry and those who have been able to access products that helps with numerous health issues. I strongly urge and ask that this bill gets opposed.



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WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH TINKER SR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: thisvioletsky@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:51 AM

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This bill is unnecessary and effects thousands of businesses revenue and will create an even greater price hike on all other products thus creating more of a stressed economy then it already is.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JOSHUA BLADES		PHONE NUMBER: 417-536-1477	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SHOW ME BEVERAGES		TITLE: AREA MANAGER	
ADDRESS: 618 SPIRIT DR.			
CITY: CHESTERFIELD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63005
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 12:00 AM	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: KARA GRADY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SLAP HAPPY HEMP		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 2405 HWY K		
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: KATHY DENISE AUBUCHON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kathydaubuchon@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 6:56 AM
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Please do not put medical marijuana patients back on the streets. One of my suppliers is Crystal City Cannabis. I live on a fixed income as most seniors do. Medical marijuana has been truly an answer to prayer. After 30 years of suffering then hiding and meeting unsavory characters in unsavory places. I am finally able to not be ashamed of the incredible medical relief marijuana provides me, from crippling anxiety, agoraphobia, intense abdominal pain, nausea and neuropathy, marijuana eases the burden of them all. Please do not take away Crystal City Cannabis's ability to sell me medical marijuana at a discounted price below what dispensaries provide. Thank you for your service. May God bless you, yours, Missouri and America. K. D. AuBuchonPatton, MO



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: KATHY PATON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kathy-l.brown@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 6:18 PM
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This industry is not the same as marijuana. This is a hemp product and should be treated as such. This bill should not pass. The same rules do not apply. Everyone should rethink what they are proposing. This will cause harm to families in Missouri. Dependant of income from this industry



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: KEVIN HALDERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-355-3183	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HEMP HEMP HOORAY		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 3797 OSAGE BEACH PARKWAY, SUITE F1			
CITY: OSAGE BEACH		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65065
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2024 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: KEVIN HALDERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-355-8135
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HEMP HEMP HOORAY / MISSOURI HEMP TRADE ASSOCIATION		TITLE: OWNER / BOARD MEMBER
ADDRESS: 3797 OSAGE BEACH PARKWAY, SUITE F1		
CITY: OSAGE BEACH		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65065
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: KIMBERLY JACKSON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-631-0558
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: THE OASIS SOUTH		TITLE: CO-OWNER
ADDRESS: 413 E. HIGH STREET POTOSI MO 636664		
CITY: FARMINGTON		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63640
EMAIL: kimberramsey@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/7/2024 4:06 PM

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As a female small business owner, in an underserved community this would completely kill my business. Hemp extracts have many health benefits and with education I believe will be better understood, trying to take a wide swipe at "intoxicating cannabinoids" is just another example of the misunderstanding. My articles of organization for my state license is very clear on what I can sale so if that changes i will become just another statistic of small business failure. Please take into account all factors before acting. Thank you Kim Jackson owner The Oasis South



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: LUKE COLYER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: colyerfrog26@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:11 AM
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Cannabis has been a bit part of my life for 40 years. My wife and I started Cannabiz Depot 3 years ago after I lost my brother to Heroin. We are helping so many people with pain, anxiety, PTSD, the list goes on. To take away our business would be catastrophic. So many people depend on our products. Products that there not getting at the Dispensery down the road. We also employ single mothers that are able to take care of there families.



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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: M. EIGENMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-537-9712
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PROHIBITION HEMP - PROHIBITION CANNABIS		TITLE: OWNER
ADDRESS: 7200 WORNALL ROAD		
CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 64114
EMAIL: melandgregkc2@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 6:05 PM

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I as a business owner am asking that we not be forced to operate under marijuana rules. We are a hemp company. We are federally compliant. We pay all of our operating expenses, taxes etc. Our employees are hard working individuals that depend on their paychecks. They have families that depend on their wages. This would put a lot of strain and undue hardship on their families. We comply with operating standards not limited to Noone under 21 enters nor purchases, compliant products, compliant packaging & safety of the products.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MAISEN AROMANDO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: maisen17@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 11:29 AM
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: MARIAM HAMED		PHONE NUMBER: 314-201-0036	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HAZY DAYS SMOKE SHOP		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1807 ZUMBEHL ROAD			
CITY: ST. CHARLES		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63303
EMAIL: hamed.mariam711@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:02 AM	

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Our business depends on the ability to sell these kinds of products, and the products themselves pose no threat or harm to the legal aged customers who purchase them.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MELISSA EIGENMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: melandgregkc@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 5:41 PM

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Pushing this bill through will impact my family financially. I have children & a husband that depend on my financial contribution. If laws change the business I work for would have to shut down without notice. This business industry is not marijuana and shiukd not have to be governed under the sane umbrella. Our store takes all the necessary precautions- id's immediately upon entering, child proof containers etc. This is a completely different product, federally compliant and should stay as such.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: libertytree.cottage976@passinbox.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/5/2024 10:03 PM
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I OPPOSE HB 1781 as introduced.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: libertytree.cottage976@passinbox.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 3:15 PM

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I OPPOSE HB 1781 as introduced. This bill threatens the existence and health of the hemp industry for non-psychoactive purposes. THC and CBD are not the same, and it's important to maintain a legal distinction between the 2 substances. No different than maintaining a legal distinction between heroin and poppyseed salad dressing, though both heroin and poppy seeds (yes, the same poppy seeds used on hamburger buns, bagels, cakes, and salad dressings) come from the same source (the poppy plant). In fact, the consumption of legal food products containing poppy seeds can cause a drug test to come back positive for heroin use. Using this analogy, THC is to heroin what CBD is to poppy seeds. Another analogy would be that THC is to alcoholic beer what CBD is to non-alcoholic beer. This bill would jeopardize the manufacture, sale, and use of THC-free CBD/hemp products in Missouri. THC is what causes problems, not CBD. And both have legitimate therapeutic medicinal benefits. This bill would create undue regulatory and financial burdens on hemp producers. Hemp has industrial purposes such as paper, bio-fuel, clothing, and building materials. This bill would throw the baby out with the bath water.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL AROMANDO		PHONE NUMBER: 636-696-5601	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: 72 WHOLESALE		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 3595 ARPENT ST			
CITY: SAINT CHARLES		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63301
EMAIL: michael72wholesale@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 8:28 AM	

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72 Wholesale is a family business. My brother, Jamie started supplying MO Retailers with smoking accessories almost 11 years ago. Since then he's been joined by myself, Michael and our dad, Jerry. We currently supply products to all types of MO cannabis product Retailers, including Licensed dispensaries. This bill and its companion Senate bill as written will effectively create a Monopoly for the Licensed Dispensaries. MO is considered a limited license state by the National Licensed Dispensary community. Making the licenses very valuable. Why is it bad for MO to have a very limited license program control by a few companies? 1) Our customer base operate & control a 1000+ locally own MO Retail Stores. Based on the percentage of our "Intoxicating Cannabinoid" sales and self reporting by MO Retail Stores this accounts for \$200 million in MO Retail Sales by independent owners. Losing 30% of their sales will put many out of business 2) Creating a licensing Monopoly will turn a multi-billion dollar MO industry over to a few. Allowing them to increase cost to Missourians and line their out-of-state pockets. 2a) Is it bad for prices to increase? Yes. The illicit market has operate very profitable for longer than my lifetime, I'm 53. MO adult use sales did not see a reduction in the illicit market. Federally legal THCa sales have drastically reduced Black Market sales by bring the price of Cannabis products down to a level that does not encourage illegal sales. 3) Underage age consumption of cannabis will not be reduced by this bill. Teens historically and today have ease access to cannabis via black market or 20 somethings buying it for teenage friends to consume & sell to other teens. Please vote In Opposition To this bill and let's together create a program that will Protect MO consumers and our MO Youth. Let's set packing, labeling, testing, registration and AGE restriction without hurting MO Retailers and creating a Monopoly. I appreciate your time and I look forward to helping protect Missourians.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE NOBLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: blh.stl.mo@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:48 AM	
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This bill would put me out of business. I've worked very hard to build a small business here in Missouri and it feels like my efforts, time, and money (monthly to Missouri and overhead) spent is being literally ripped from me. It's unconstitutional and goes against our state motto. Please take into consideration the small business folks in our state. I'm saving to buy a home. It would be my first house purchase. I've worked extremely hard to make it happen. This april would have been when i could do that (I have to show 2 years of tax returns from my business in order to qualify for a mortgage loan) and now I'm in limbo because of this situation. Liquor is far more dangerous than these substances you are trying to ban. Please think about the little guys who are just trying to make something of themselves in this state, in this life. Thank you.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE RUSSELL		PHONE NUMBER: 633-223-0619	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BRIGHT GREEN TWO LLC		TITLE: ASSISTANT MANAGER	
ADDRESS: 1001 IMPERIAL MAIN STREET			
CITY: IMPERIAL		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63052
EMAIL: brightgreencbd@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:09 AM	

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The banning of delta cannabinoid products would essentially result in the end of our business. The majority of our sales are delta cannabinoid products. Banning them could result in the reduction of staff hours if we could afford to keep them on the payroll altogether. Please consider all the small businesses that are generating revenue for the state of Missouri. Passing this bill would harm all the shops across Missouri like ours.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: NASRATULA ZAMANI		PHONE NUMBER: 314-229-3895	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ZAMANI GAS MART LLC		TITLE: OWNER OF ZAMANI GAS MART	
ADDRESS: 3165 S KINGSHIGHWAY BLVD			
CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63139
EMAIL: nasratula.zamani@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:22 AM	
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I as a business owner is against this completely, our business sales will be cut in half and so will half the sales tax that goes back to MO. Not to mention the lives that it will hinder, i will have to lay off employees and cut pay.



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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: NATHAN SIMPSON		PHONE NUMBER: 636-373-6646
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: OZARK NUTRITION / CANNA CORNER / KNS HOLDINGS LLC		TITLE: OWNER
ADDRESS: 206 W. 2ND ST. NORTH UNIT 407		
CITY: WRIGHT CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63390
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: NICK NIEDBALSKI		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WHOLESALE UNLIMITED		TITLE: OWNER
ADDRESS:		
CITY: OVERLAND	STATE: MO	ZIP: 63114
EMAIL: n.niedbalski@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:34 AM
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As a small father and son owned business I oppose of this bill because it would take away my family's livelihood and lots of tax money from the state and create a monopoly for an already unfair industry for the overpriced dispensaries to have all control and profit which will make it harder for people to get what they need legally creating a thriving black market once again. I would encourage a different bill that would create regulation for intoxicating cannabinoids as far as testing and age restrictions. Please don't take away my livelihood and my sons. We help people every day much more than any dispensaries because we check out the competition every weekend and the customer service is terrible. They all just rush you out and make you pick something off an iPad or tablet with no helpful information at all. Thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: OMAR MOTHANA		PHONE NUMBER: 636-220-8273	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SMOKE DEPOT TOBACCO & VAPE 2 LLC		TITLE: MR.	
ADDRESS: 14077 MANCHESTER RD.			
CITY: BALLWIN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63011
EMAIL: Smokedepotstl@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 11:52 AM	

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To Whom It May Concern,As a proud owner of a Smoke Shop, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Missouri House Bill 1781, which aims to make it illegal for Smoke Shops to sell Federally Legal Delta/THCa products. This bill would have devastating effects on my business and could potentially lead to a significant loss of customers.The products that would be affected by this bill are essential to many of our customers who rely on Delta/THCa for various reasons, including managing stress, anxiety, insomnia, and chronic pain. Banning the sale of these products would not only deprive our loyal customers of a product that greatly benefits their daily lives but also restrict their access to a legal and safe alternative.Furthermore, the implementation of this bill would significantly impact my business financially. Our Smoke Shop has built a reputation for providing high-quality products that cater to the diverse needs of our customers. Banning Delta/THCa products would not only limit our offerings but would also lead to a decline in revenue, resulting in potential layoffs and the closure of our establishment.I urge the committee to consider the negative consequences that this bill would have on small businesses like mine and the well-being of our customers. Instead of restricting access to federally legal products that have shown to provide therapeutic benefits, I encourage you to support policies that promote consumer choice, business innovation, and public health.Thank you for considering my testimony, and I respectfully request that you oppose Missouri House Bill 1781.Sincerely,Smoke Depot Tobacco & VapeManager



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: PATRICK HOLLAND		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: patrick@mofree.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/5/2024 8:55 PM

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Hemp is the third more useful commodity on the planet (after oil and silver), capable to making anything from bio-diesel, medicine, clothing, paper and much, much more. Corporatism is not the answer for the problems we face in Missouri. Regulating a plant such as hemp will simply make hemp more expensive and prevent it from competing with other markets (such as paper and clothing) which are not regulated. Competing corporations want to kill their competition by using Missouri lawmakers to outlaw or regulate their competition. I suggest we step back from this and think about it carefully. Missouri can either embrace emerging markets (such as hemp) or we can regulate them to death so that their competitors who have written this bill get what they want...no competition. Either way, the hemp industry is a quickly growing industry and new uses for hemp are found all the time. Will Missouri be a leader in the hemp industry, or will we allow another state this privilege? This bill was ill conceived. Please vote no.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: PAUL LAVISTA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: paulavista@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:28 AM
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My father has very bad back problems and nerve issues. He is retired from the US Army of 26 years. He has been blown up shot thrown away, forgotten about and all these doctors want to give him tons of pain meds that have bad recourses later on which led to withdrawals and opiate addiction, he got on CBD and Delta products two years ago and has no longer had to receive pain medication from his doctors. And a nice thing is he's able to go to a local vapor store near him and purchase his products. This has been a game changer in his life and I'm sure in many others .



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: PAUL SITA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: williamjsita23@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 2:30 AM

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Hemp has help me with my pain management, and with my nerves for my spinal stenosis, It got me off of pain pills and having to take opioids for pain, with using hemp for pain and nerve damages It has given back my mobility and my ability to move, I do not get high from hemp, it's why I use hemp it's not medical marijuana, I do not want to have to use medical marijuana for pain management, and nerve damages management, If the committee chooses to remove hemp, I will have to get a medical marijuana card and I do not want to do that, Hemp has been a huge part of my recovery, if you hemp to someone someone who smokes marijuana They can tell you it does nothing to get them high, Marijuana smokers calls hemp diet weed because it cannot get you high so there is no point for them to smoke it.



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WITNESS NAME		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: PETER BROOKS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-353-5192
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AREA 51 STL LLC		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 2421 CHRISTOPHER VIEW DRIVE		
CITY: SAINT LOUIS		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63129
EMAIL: peteba51@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 9:51 AM

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I Myself am a responsible user of array of hemp products., as it helps me with a multitude of benefits....I own a few retail smoke shops that I sell all hemp products responsible....as it is a majority piece of my overall sales that I depend on to stay in business....I employ over 15 great employees who I could not afford to do without the help of these hemp products....So I am all for standing behind something that with help keep these products in the hands of responsible adults but am totally against letting the Marijuana dispensaries having a monopoly on hemp products aswell , I know there are an extremely large amount of people that feel the same way and are in the same position as myself....Thank you....



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: REBECCA PLANK		PHONE NUMBER: 573-305-0945	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: OZARK NUTRITION, CANNA CORNER, KNS HOLDING LLC		TITLE: MANAGER	
ADDRESS: 206 W. 2ND ST. N UNIT 407			
CITY: WRIGHT CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63390
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WITNESS NAME: RON LEONE		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: MPCA - MO PETROLEUM & CONVENIENCE ASSOC.		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: RUSLAN STEINNIGER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-241-5136	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: OZARK NUTRITION		TITLE: MR	
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CITY: STEELVILLE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65565
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I Ruslan Steinniger am a Ukrainian American citizen I was brought here so I could have a better life I found a great position threw Ozark nutrition/ Thca super store I am highly against this discussion do to 3 thing One when you do this you put a monopoly on it for certain companies and when you kick us little guys out it will it so nobody will hold them to a standard and product quality will go way down Two you already have the major companies like robust not following hemp compliance 3 the tax margins would greatly effect all the counties involved you would be loosing tax dollars all the way around from our smaller shops it's is a big income since it's when federally legal and those taxes pay for our roads and schools thank you for your time I hope to hear from you



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WITNESS NAME: SAL ELIAS LOVETTE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: SEAN HACKMANN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-659-1929	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MO HEMP TRADE ASSN.		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: 8505 HWY. 89N			
CITY: CHAMOIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65024
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WITNESS NAME: SHADI ABU-AMER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-435-4583	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SDTV		TITLE:	
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The criminalization of smoke shops selling THC-A products unfairly targets locally owned small businesses while ignoring the larger issue of cannabis regulation. Dispensaries, often owned by out-of-state corporations, have dominated the legal cannabis market, leaving little room for small businesses to thrive. Smoke shops, on the other hand, often represent community-based entrepreneurship, providing livelihoods for local residents and contributing to the local economy. By criminalizing the sale of THC-A products in smoke shops, authorities are not only harming these small businesses but also pushing consumers towards dispensaries, further consolidating power in the hands of corporate entities. Instead of penalizing local businesses, we should advocate for equitable regulations that allow small businesses to compete in the cannabis market. Furthermore, smoke shops often serve as hubs for harm reduction education and resources, fostering a sense of community and providing vital services to consumers. Criminalizing their activities not only harms business owners but also deprives communities of these valuable resources. Rather than criminalizing, we should focus on creating a regulatory framework that supports the diversity of the cannabis industry, prioritizing local businesses and ensuring equitable access to the benefits of cannabis legalization for all communities.



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Dear Respected Members of The Missouri House of Representatives, My Name is Shawn Dapice & I Work at a Cannabis Dispensary, Here in Missouri, The Law That is Up to Be Voted on Could Effect My Job & Over 5,000 Others in the State of Missouri, , I'm Writing You To Please Consider to Think about all those who can be affected by this , This Job is How I Provide For My Daughter, It is My Life , Honestly Cannabis Helps So Many People it's a medicine there are far worse things on these streets that Cannabis, Fentanyl, Meth, Pills , Alcohol Hoesky too Is Worse Than Cannabis, But The Testimony I've Received For So Many Other About How This Medicinal Plant Helps Them , Many Use it to Treat Pain , and Other Serious Ailments . Many Folks Rely on This Medicine , the science is there to support the benefits of it , Our Dispensary is a Staple of Our Community and We Do So Much For Them , It Really Would Affect the Community in a Awful Way I Believe, But Most Importantly Many Peoples Jobs & How They Provide Are on The Line , We Are Here to Help , Cannabis is a Medicine Thank You For Taking Time Out Your Busy Day To Read This Sincerely- Shawn Dapice - Missouri Cannabis Industry Worker



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WITNESS NAME: SHAYLA LEGGS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Hemp is a plant that people in this community has been using for years to combat all different type of ailments; the most common ones being insomnia, anxiety, and pain relief. Taking away this option will affect people without healthcare or those who struggle to find another product that helps them in a significant way without any major drawbacks.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE GROMOWSKI		PHONE NUMBER:
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Not everyone can afford dispensary, passing this will bring back the "black market" Everyone deserves to access natural meds!



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WITNESS NAME: TAMARRA ASHBY		PHONE NUMBER:
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This would destroy the industry



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WITNESS NAME: TIFFANY HURST		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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This act would unfairly limit access to quality of life for people under the poverty level! No!



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WITNESS NAME: TOBY MORGAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: toby.u.morgan.1997@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 11:07 PM
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As a United States Army Disabled Combat Veteran, I know personally that Hemp, provides me a tremendous amount of comfort mentally with my PTSD. Many of us Veteran use Hemp for multiple reason; Depression, Anxiety, PTSD, Sleep apnea, especially for chronic pain. I'm submitting this testimony to point out how much Hemp had helped many Veterans get over their trauma. Whether that physical or mental. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Toby Morgan U.S. Army Veteran Employee of City of Cannabis Dispensary



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WITNESS NAME: TODD HARRIS		PHONE NUMBER: 312-863-9693	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PLIFT		TITLE: CEO	
ADDRESS: 1828 WALNUT			
CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64108
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This will greatly impact my brother in laws business



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WITNESS NAME: TRENT MALL		PHONE NUMBER: 417-630-0192	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: THE LAUGHING DRAGON		TITLE: HEAD OF THE DRAGON	
ADDRESS: 211 E JACKSON ST			
CITY: MARSHFIELD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65706
EMAIL: trentandmelissa@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2024 10:57 AM	

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We have owned a Cannabis Support Center successfully for 5 years, and are regularly praised by the Webster County and surrounding constituents as the best thing that has happened since Amendment 2 passed. While we FULLY support regulating intoxicating cannabinoids, we absolutely know there is a better way. We are beating the black market in Marshfield every day. We have more people finding us every day and leaving their "dealer". While we have many many examples, here is our most recent one, from a sale we had not even 1 hours ago. A customer got attacked by a bull when he was 16. He's now in his 30s. tIThey did his hip replacement in December where he got an infection wherein the wound went into the fake hip and they had to remove it because his body was rejecting the hip so he literally has no hip till all the infection is healed. He uses our carts and products to manage his pain. As my wife put it: "That is awful, people think we're out here selling drugs to teenagers and we're out here providing safe and cheap pain relief to people missing whole joints" Please don't support the marijuana cartel that has formed in Missouri. Any bill giving control of anything but MARIJUANA to that industry is big government and the swamp working in coordination to kill small businesses in Missouri. Sounds harsh, but I've watched this industry intensely since it's inception, including owning one of the first medical marijuana production companies registered with the state of Missouri, and I've only seen them gain more control.



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WITNESS NAME: VANESSA THOUVENEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: vanessa@citydist.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/6/2024 11:19 PM	
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Testimony in Support of Hemp Industry - Missouri House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee Esteemed Members of the Missouri House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee, I am writing to you today as a dedicated worker in the hemp industry, to express my unwavering support for the continued growth and prosperity of this vital sector in Missouri. The hemp industry has not only provided me with a livelihood but has also empowered me and my family to build a better future. The progress we have made within the hemp industry is undeniable. It has brought about countless opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and improved health and well-being for individuals across our state. However, the potential consequences of House Bill 1781 pose a significant threat to this progress and could have devastating effects on our communities. It is crucial that we focus on furthering education about the different cannabinoids and their numerous benefits. Personally, I have helped keep my husband's epileptic seizures and have experienced the transformative power of hemp-derived cannabinoids in managing with his epilepsy, stomach ulcers, and other health issues. Over the past eight years, my husband has relied on six different cannabinoids as part of my treatment regimen, allowing me to successfully reduce my dependence on traditional pharmaceuticals that provided little relief. The proposed legislation not only jeopardizes the livelihoods of workers like myself but also threatens to undermine the remarkable advancements we have achieved in the field of cannabinoid research and healthcare. By restricting access to hemp-derived products, we risk depriving countless individuals of the opportunity to improve their quality of life and find relief from debilitating conditions. The importance of sensible regulation that supports the interests of retailers, consumers, and communities alike is what we need to get right this time. We must not allow fear or misinformation to dictate policy decisions that could have far-reaching implications for the well-being of our citizens and the economic prosperity of our state. I urge you to consider the voices of those directly impacted by this legislation, including workers, retailers, and individuals who rely on hemp-derived products for their health and wellness. Let us work together to uphold the principles of progress, compassion, and empowerment that have defined the hemp industry in Missouri. In conclusion, I implore you to vote against House Bill 1781 and instead support comprehensive hemp regulations that promote the growth and sustainability of this vital industry. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully, Vanessa Thouvenel Sullivan, Missouri Hemp Industry Worker



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WITNESS NAME: YUSEF SHALABI		PHONE NUMBER: 314-498-0805	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: EXOTIC SMOKE SHOP LLC		TITLE:	
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Good afternoon to the honorable members of the board and to whom this may concern; My name i Yousef Shalabi and I'm a 22 year old college student as well as a small business owner. Me and my best friend whom is also a college student; put all of our life savings into our business as-well as months of work in painting and preparing the store for business. Me and my partner care deeply for the satisfaction, health, and safety of all our customers and are able to build personal relationships with through interacting with them day to day. It is my understanding that this bill would allow dispensaries to hold a full control monopoly over the business, knocking me, my partner and many other small businesses all around St. Louis. I hope that you keeps us in mind when casting your vote and please please vote against monopoly! Thank you all for your time and consideration!



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WITNESS NAME: ZACH DECARLO		PHONE NUMBER: 636-725-6206	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FENTON CANNABIS DISPENSARY; CRYSTAL CITY CANNABIS DISPENSARY; SULLIVAN CANNABIS DISPENSARY; CUBA CANNABIS DISPENSARY.		TITLE: OWNER OF 4 MISSOURI HEMP DISPENSARIES	
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Testimony Against Bill in Missouri House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee Esteemed Members of the Missouri House Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee, I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to the bill currently under consideration, which could have devastating consequences for the hemp industry and retailers across Missouri. As a member of the community deeply invested in this issue, I implore you to carefully consider the implications of this bill on our families, businesses, and communities before making any decisions. This bill threatens to jeopardize the livelihoods of nearly 5,000 retailers in Missouri whose businesses rely heavily on hemp sales, including my own. For businesses like mine, where hemp constitutes 95% of our sales, this legislation poses an existential threat that could have dire consequences for our families and the communities we serve statewide. The repercussions of this bill extend far beyond individual businesses. If enacted, it would lead to the closure of numerous stores, causing significant economic damage and leaving many communities without access to legal hemp products. Moreover, it would drive consumers back to the illegal market overnight, undoing years of progress in dismantling the black market for cannabis. Hemp stores have long advocated for sensible regulation, including measures such as restricting sales to individuals aged 21 and above, implementing childproof packaging requirements, and conducting standard Certificate of Analysis (COA) testing. We fully support following the federal definition of hemp, which defines it as containing no more than 0.3% delta-9 THC by dry weight volume. It is crucial to recognize that federally legal hemp should not be handed over to federally illegal marijuana monopolies that have been attempting to control the cannabis industry in Missouri since its inception. By doing so, we would be undermining the progress made in ensuring access to safe and regulated hemp products for all Missourians. We must not overlook the fact that hemp has been instrumental in reducing the black market for cannabis. Pushing it back into the hands of illegal dealers would only serve to increase crime and endanger our communities. Additionally, hemp has consistently outperformed other industries 2 years in a row, including craft beer and medical and recreational marijuana, in terms of sales. I urge you to consider the voices of the many retailers and community members who rely on the hemp industry for their livelihoods. It is imperative that we do not erode the trust of the cannabis community by implementing shortsighted and detrimental policies. Instead, let us work together to establish sensible regulations that support hemp retailers and promote the well-being of our communities. We all have seen cannabis around for as long as we have lived, and it is not going anywhere any time soon. If you want to keep us safe, let's vote against this bill and for general hemp regulations that Eapan Thampy and Ron Hicks are suggesting as the voice for thousands of hemp retailers in Missouri, about 5,000. Today is not the day,

we need a better plan or at least the general hemp regulation to support hemp retailers not tear them down. My family and the families of our 30 employees and tens of thousands of community members all pray you will do the right thing today and not move us backwards. In conclusion, I urge you to vote against this bill and instead support comprehensive hemp regulations that prioritize the interests of retailers and consumers alike. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully, Zach DeCarlo Sullivan, Missouri Owner of 4 Missouri Hemp Dispensaries Fenton Cannabis Dispensary Crystal City Cannabis Dispensary Sullivan Cannabis Dispensary Cuba Cannabis Dispensary



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Keeping Missouri Kids Safe is a state-wide coalition that focuses on youth marijuana prevention. Last year, we conducted an environmental scan of stores across Missouri that were selling products that would be considered Intoxicating Cannabinoids. Please review the attached report. Some highlights of the report include: -As many as 461 retailers across the state are currently selling these and may include gas stations, vape stores, cbd stores, and shared booth rental spaces. -There is no consistency among stores regarding signage for selling to 21+ -There is no consistency among stores regarding display of product. Some stores may have these products on open shelving, while other stores may have them in locked cases that require employee assistance. - These intoxicating cannabinoids appear to be available in multiple forms including: vapes, flavored vapes, gummies, edibles, loose bud, concentrates, bottles, mints or pre-rolled products



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People who drive or work under the influence of marijuana can experience dangerous effects: slower reactions, lane weaving, decreased coordination, and difficulty reacting to signals and sounds on the road or at work. THERE IS NO STANDARD ROADSIDE TESTING WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO CHARGE SOMEONE WITH A MARIJUANA DUI. Blood, saliva and urine tests can all be used to detect the presence of THC and marijuana metabolites. (Forbes) By the time someone has been arrested and a blood sample has been taken, most (but not all) of the THC is gone. Oral saliva tests are good at detecting the presence of marijuana, they are not reliable indicators of how much was consumed or whether a driver was impaired. Saliva tests have also not yet been ruled admissible in driving under the influence cases. (California) Research shows that people who use marijuana are more likely to have relationship problems, worse educational outcomes, lower career achievement, and reduced life satisfaction. It's also linked to more job absences, accidents, and injuries.