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I am in support of HB 593. This bill provides a definition of "CBD" and the variety of intoxicating cannabinoid products in Missouri and will provide protection and regulation for the safety of all citizens in Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA PETRIE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-6092
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WITNESS NAME: NICO PENTO		PHONE NUMBER: 561-596-3351
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WITNESS NAME: SCOTTY JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER: 503-498-0557	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GRATEFUL HEADZ - CARUTHERSVILLE; MISSOURI HEMP TRADE ASSOCIATION		TITLE: OWNER OF GRATEFUL HEADZ AND MEMBER OF MISSOURI HEM	
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My name is Scotty Johnson and am an owner of a Grateful Headz Franchise store, I also hold a Post Bac Degree in Cannabis Science from Saint Louis University. I have personally been a medical patient in both Oregon and now Missouri my entire adult life, and have used this great medicine to mediate symptoms of PTSD from a very traumatic upbringing. I also have been in the legal industry for the better part of the last decade and have helped countless veterans, senior citizens, and other ailed Americans with this wonderful medicine. On top of all that this is my sole ability to raise and feed my family as I believe so much in this that I have devoted all the time and money I have for the last few years to make this happen. I am not against some sort of regulation, but to completely outlaw this section of the cannabis space would be irresponsible and be a deterrent to access for countless needing Americans.



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WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY FABER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am glad to see the state (potentially) separating industrial hemp from marijuana, and also bringing all CBD products under state regulation to prevent unregulated sales of CBD products as this will help keep them out of the hands of those too young to use them....



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WITNESS NAME: TOM ROBBINS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-645-5912	
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WITNESS NAME: ALICIA HODGE		PHONE NUMBER:
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Having access to affordable cannabis helps many Missourians, myself included. We have conditions that pharmaceutical options only exacerbate or cause worsening side effects (like ADHD). Limiting access to monopolistic recreational providers only serves the government interest through higher taxes and such bias is more than apparent in their refusal to regulate the market and instead choosing to destroy the livelihoods of small businesses and their employees.



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WITNESS NAME: AMBER BURGETT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-872-6006
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GRATEFUL HEADZ DONIPHAN		TITLE: OWNER
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Hi I am the owner of Grateful Headz Doniphan in Doniphan,Mo. we have now been in business for 5 years. When we started out we didn't carry or have access to carry said products. For the first two years we as the owners we ran our own shops we couldn't afford any employees and at times couldn't afford to stay open a whole day. The income was just enough for our living expenses and to get away from government assisted programs. After these products were introduced and spreading the information about these products to our customers it became very important to us. For reason certain people would come in thinking said products were sprayed on with chemicals such as k2 from there we would go into detail and explain exactly what our products were. We started early spreading education to our customers about each and every product we carried,As more products were introduced over the time and years the same educational and awareness procedures were and have been in effect for everyone employed at a Grateful Headz Location. If this bill shall pass eleven of our stores could potentially close and with that leave 75 employees without jobs or ways to support their families. I would like to see some new rules/regulations to keep these products.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is the wrong way as I opposed this same Bill in the Senate last week.



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WITNESS NAME: AUSTIN ARNOLD		PHONE NUMBER:
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Hello, I'm writing this statement hoping to stop the ban of the hemp industry. I would strongly urge that regulations be put in place to help regulate the industry. The store I've shopped with the most being greatful headz has been a self regulating store for some years now. The hemp industry has helped in so many ways in my life as well as my friends and family. I've spoken with countless veterans that praise the hemp industry for saving their lives. I would like to strongly ask that we look to the Missouri Hemp Trade Associations bill that they have introduced. Thank you for taking the time to read.



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WITNESS NAME: BROOKLYN HILL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-604-5780
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MO HEMP TRADE ASSOCIATION		TITLE: PRESIDENT
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WITNESS NAME: CRAIG KATZ		PHONE NUMBER: 314-798-8444	
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WITNESS NAME: JAKE SILVERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-757-1135
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN GRADY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-440-6290	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SLAPHAPPY BEVERAGE		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN J MCCASLIN III		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am testifying in opposition to HB 593 as it would reinforce the Missouri cannabis monopoly. Why should I as an individual be forced to purchase psychoactive cannabis products from dispensaries, where the employees are under-trained, the product is overpriced, and not safe. You expect me to trust Missouri dispensaries where there have been MULTIPLE cases of mold in the products they are selling. Meanwhile, there are hemp manufacturers making higher quality products, that are batch tested and distributed nationwide, those are the companies I trust. I understand officials are 'worried about the children' with the copyright infringement products, but why demonize the entire industry when there are good companies doing the right thing? On top of that, I understand why there should be packaging requirements for those manufacturers to not appeal to individuals under the age of 21, but how many Minors are attracted to 'Birthday Cake' flavored Vodka, MTN DEW Branded 'hard' sodas, etc. that they're going to have someone of age purchase and then give to them after they leave the store. I believe that these manufacturers should still be allowed to products these products, but be subjected to guidelines and/or taxes for the following reasonsA. Make sure that the products are clearly labeled and not 'Child Appealing' B. Ensure that legitimate companies are doing things the right way, as opposed to any level of sketchy 'home-manufacturing'All of that being said, I appreciate the time you've taken to read my testimony. Thank you again,



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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While I support distinguishing intoxicating marijuana from non-intoxicating industrial hemp, I oppose lines 63 and 64 in subsection 8 which state: "The department shall promulgate all rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section." I oppose letting appointed (non-elected) bureaucrats in departments make the rules that should be made by the legislature (our elected representatives). All rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this bill should be written into the bill.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT HUFFMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 417-230-3315	
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Hemp would remain federally legal so this would just cause Missouri to lose money and jobs while people could still access the product via the Internet and make other states money. It seems self-defeating at best.2. Making all hemp marijuana is like saying all chicken is now beef. While they're both meats they have very different flavors and uses.3. Missouri used to be known for growing things. We have amazing soil and lots of fresh water flowing through our state which are natural advantages for Farmers. This would kill many potential future farmers in and sources of revenue for the state of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: RON HICKS		PHONE NUMBER: 636-328-7050
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WITNESS NAME: TIFFANY V MCPEAK		PHONE NUMBER: 573-214-1067	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HIGHBREAD BAKERY AND TREATS, LLC		TITLE: OWNER/OPERATOR	
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CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65203
EMAIL: info@highbreadbakery.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2025 10:59 AM	
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McPeak here, I'm the owner operator of the smallest hemp/cbd edibles business in MO, HighBread Bakery and Treats, LLC. Owned and operated by a Missourian. HB-593 will crush my business and retirement money I used to start HighBread. HighBread was stated after nearly a decade of being a police officer and over a decade in education. From the beginning we worked with our local health department, to stay in compliance with the Federal Farm Bill definition of .03%. The Health Department representative checked our products and COA of our distributor yearly for our recertification as a food establishment. 1. We also have always included milligrams and ingredients for our customers. 2. We have always checked identification and ensured our customers are over 21 years of age. 3. We do not market to anyone under 21 years of age. 4. The majority of our client customer base is 30 years and older. Many are professionals who appreciate the anonymity of not having their personal information stored. 5. Our customer base also appreciates having a choice of what they consume. One of our older customers affectionately calls us 'the lighter side of things'. Yes, there should be regulations in place. HB-593 is not about the people or hemp in Missouri. Thank you for your time.