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Friends,

The Kentucky Hemp Industry Association strongly supports **HB 506**, which would amend KRS 218A.010, which exempts Combustible Floral Material (CFM) from the definition of marijuana. This would amend KRS 260.858 to allow a licensee to process, handle, or market CFM, exempts any person in possession, custody, or control of CFM from the penalties applicable to those persons who violate KRS Chapter 218A.

Our understanding of this law is that CFM also includes other un-consumable forms including, but are not exclusive to hemp micro greens, raw floral material for juicing, use in culinary preparations, vaporizing for immediate relief and a potential animal feed. We, as an organization, understand HB 506 has a positive and direct effect for our farmers, citizens, commerce in the State of Kentucky:

1. HB 506 would give farmers access to markets presently serviced by other legal states.
2. CFM multiplies profits to farmers up to ten times more than processors pay for bulk floral.
3. CFM is a valuable crop addition that creates a "second" revenue source that will help support our family farms.
4. CFM are used by consumers to create their own edibles, oils, tinctures, salves, lotions, and other wellness products.
5. CFM would help boost Kentucky's struggling hemp industry.
6. State law currently restricts sales of raw hemp flower, grounded hemp material, and CFM to consumers. State regulations require licensed processors to process hemp into refined products like CBD oil, while most of Kentucky's last year crop is unsold because of oversupply.
7. Neighboring states, including Tennessee, Illinois, and Indiana, allow for the sale of CFM. Those states have a thriving industry, that Kentucky is restricted from entering.

THEREFORE WE, the Kentucky Hemp Industries Association, strongly encourage our members to call their legislators and express their support of **HB 506** which will create a new revenue stream for Kentucky's farming families, who are the very heartbeat of our industry.

Sincerely,

KYHIA Board of Directors

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