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Urgent Attention Needed!

Congressional Hemp Ban Proposal

If this passes, this would make almost all hemp-derived products federally illegal!

Rep. Andy Harris is at it again, reviving his crusade to dismantle the hemp industry by quietly inserting harmful language into a federal spending bill. Buried on page 113 of the **FY2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill** is a provision that **redefines hemp in a way that could ban the vast majority of safe, legal hemp-derived products sold nationwide – any product with any “quantifiable” level of THC.**

From Page 114 Line 17: Hemp derived cannabinoid products with quantifiable amounts based on substance, form, manufacture, or article (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture) of— (aa) tetrahydrocannabinol (including tetrahydrocannabinolic acid); or (bb) any other cannabinoids that have similar effects (or are marketed to have similar effects) on humans or animals as tetrahydrocannabinol (as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultation with the Secretary Agriculture)

This language mirrors last year’s failed “Mary Miller Amendment.” In its press release, the committee states that the bill closes the hemp loophole that has resulted in the proliferation of unregulated intoxicating hemp



products, including Delta-8 and hemp flower, being sold online and in gas stations across the country.

The bill was considered and passed in the subcommittee on Wednesday, June 5, 2025.

This isn't Harris's first attempt. In 2024, he spearheaded efforts to include similar language in the FY2025 Agriculture Appropriations bill, but the measure was ultimately defeated after widespread industry opposition and a national outcry.

It's important to understand that Rep. Harris holds enormous influence as chair of this powerful appropriations subcommittee, known in Washington as a "Cardinal." Cardinals control significant portions of federal spending, and their policy riders can have outsized impact.

That said, it's not time to panic. This appropriations bill has not passed in the last several Congresses. However, we must stop this backdoor ban before it gains traction.

How You Can Help:

1. Participate in the U.S. Hemp Roundtable's email campaign: Use their [Federal Action Center](#) to quickly send a message to your member of Congress urging him or her to reject Rep. Harris's anti-hemp language and protect the future of the legal hemp industry.
2. Spread the Word: Share this urgent alert with your friends, family, and fellow hemp supporters!

Also, meet with your local legislators! Tell them to stop the war on hemp and keep all of our products legal. It seems like every session we are fighting to stop bills that will hurt our industry. This is where you can help now. Meet with your Representative and your Senators. Tell them how much of an economic impact it would have on you and your employees if



hemp products are banned or capped on the milligrams or moved to only being sold in medical marijuana dispensaries. This threat is real. Other states have filed laws to do just this. We need to be proactive in talking with our legislators so we aren't fighting on the defensive when it comes to the legislative sessions. They need to hear from you, their constituent, or they just vote how leadership tells them to vote.

Lobbying Efforts:

The Kentucky Hemp Association recently hired a seasoned lobbyist to help with our efforts in Frankfort and to keep moving our industry forward, whether you are a retailer, processor, or farmer, we are working to help everyone in the industry. However, it requires funding in order to do this. Please consider donating so we can continue to grow Kentucky's hemp industry together.

<https://kyhempassociation.org/donations/>

Send checks to The Kentucky Hemp Association, 11609 Dawsons Spring Rd., Crofton, KY 42217.

If you have let your membership cancel, now is a great time to renew! You can renew your membership at <https://kyhempassociation.org/>

Please reach out with any questions you may have. We appreciate your valued opinion and help in achieving our goals of moving this industry forward.

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