



Newsletter November 2025

Update from the Midwest Hemp Council:

Last night, Senator Paul offered his amendment to strike language intended to destroy the hemp market from the Senate's agriculture appropriations bill — language that criminalizes tens of millions of adult consumers, farmers and small businesses. Thank you, Senator Paul, for your leadership and courage! You can listen to his reasoning for offering the amendment by [clicking here](#).

Unfortunately, Senator Mitch McConnell led a procedural motion to table the amendment, effectively blocking Senator Paul's amendment from receiving a vote. By including authorizing language in this appropriations bill, the Senate is breaking their own rules in order to hide this massive shift in policy in a totally unrelated bill. Every American should question public policy when it is concocted behind closed doors, on a weekend and in violation of the Senate's own rules.

The industry's focus now moves over to the House of Representatives, which could hold a vote on this bill as soon as Wednesday. Back in September, Congressman Comer led the charge on penning a bipartisan letter with 26 other members of Congress letting leadership know they will not vote for any bill that criminalizes popular hemp products. You can [view the letter here](#).

What can you do? Make sure your Representative knows you oppose criminalizing hemp and hemp products. You can also customize the message to include how hemp and hemp products have improved your quality of life. This must be done today and tomorrow before the vote on Wednesday. You can also call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and give them your zip code to identify your Member of Congress.

*You definitely want to attend the Kentucky Hemp Association Annual Meeting to see if we can find a path forward to save our industry. **Our Annual Meeting is Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00pm via Zoom. This meeting is open to all current and past members.***



Our guest speakers include Senator Rand Paul, a representative from the Cabinet for Health & Human Services, our Lobbyist Abby Piper-Smith and Cannabis Attorney, Justin Swanson.

Register in advance:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/m7-tWDT9SX-NzWNLpU-mEQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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. Email us:

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