



# KENTUCKY HEMP

ASSOCIATION

## December 2025 Newsletter

As we are ending 2025, we have many challenges ahead. With the federal ban on hemp-derived products going into effect November 12, 2026, we will be racing the clock to help get new legislation passed that would regulate the industry and not destroy it. It is important we stand as a united front to make our voices heard or 95% of the hemp products we currently have will be illegal.

Letter from the President:

Thank you so much for joining our Annual Meeting via zoom on November 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a privilege to have Senator Rand Paul speak about the current issues surrounding our industries and strategy to hopefully stop the impending ban. We want to thank Cherlynn Stevenson, who is currently running for Congress, for speaking and supporting us and to Daniel Bell with the KY Cabinet for Health & Family Services. A special thank you to board member, Justin Swanson and our Lobbyist, Abby Piper-Smith for their valuable insight as well. We appreciate each of their insights.

We are fortunate to have amazing people on our board from all aspects of the industry. If anyone would like to join our board, we have two open spots, please reach out and let me know.

We will be in Frankfort on January 6, 2026 to lobby alongside the Kentucky Cannabis Freedom Coalition to support cannabis decriminalization. We invite everyone to attend, because we are stronger in numbers.

We are always in desperate need for donations to continue to pay for our lobbyist, Abby Piper. Her firm is highly respected among legislators, both locally and nationally. So please donate what you can to continue our efforts. Continue to reach out to your legislators about saving hemp and stopping the ban.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out. My cell is 502-409-2292 or my email is [deedee@502hemp.com](mailto:deedee@502hemp.com).

Thank you again for your support and hopefully we can continue to prosper in the hemp industry for many years to come.



*Dee Dee Taylor*, President

We will be providing many opportunities for you to voice your opinions on how this industry-killing legislation affects you. Continue to follow us on socials, check our website and read our monthly newsletters to learn more. And don't forget to join us at the Capitol in Frankfort on January 6th 8am-4pm!

For more information <https://legalizekentucky.com/2026-lobby-day>.

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting, the video is available on our website: <https://kyhempassociation.org/news/>

If your membership has expired, now is a great time to renew!

Renew your membership: <https://kyhempassociation.org/new-member-sign-up/#join>

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: [info@kyhempassociation.org](mailto:info@kyhempassociation.org).

It's easy to donate online: <https://kyhempassociation.org/donations/> or send checks to The Kentucky Hemp Association, 11609 Dawsons Spring Rd., Crofton, KY 42217.