



February 2026 Newsletter

Update on Legislation:

We are now 264 days away from losing access to most hemp-derived products in the United States. With the new law effective on November 12th, the best we can hope for at this late date is the extension introduced by Congressman Jim Baird of Indiana. The Hemp Planting Predictability Act would provide a two-year extension to allow farmers to plant and harvest this year and time to set a regulatory framework that doesn't kill the industry.

Kentucky Congressman James Comer and its Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell teamed up to release a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. The letter requests a delay in the recent federal THC ban, extending enforcement of the ban to two years instead of one. This extension would allow farmers, processors, and manufacturers of hemp products to pivot and make adjustments for crops already in the ground, and goods that are still in-process. We want to extend our biggest thanks to both of these agriculture powerhouses and the advocates who made this happen!

Continue to reach out to your lawmakers and have your friends in other states that support hemp to do the same. Share this link: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials> to find your local representatives.

In Kentucky, there are currently two bills this session that would devastate our industry. If we are able to get the federal extension passed, HB532 is the "medicinal hemp bill" that would change our current hemp regulations in Kentucky and eliminate many products. HB612 "the sin tax bill" would significantly increase the cost of products. Please call your reps and tell them to vote No!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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HB 532 - NO

1-800-372-7181

Eliminates all Delta 8 and Delta 9 THC products. Puts more restrictions on CBD products. It is a redundant bill. Already have regulations in place that retailers are following.

HB 612- NO

Adds a 16 cent per milligram or milliliter tax on every hemp product. So your gummies that normally cost \$24.99 +tax, would now have an added \$32 to the bill. This would hurt retailers and consumers.



With hemp under constant attack on a federal and state level, the Kentucky Hemp Association needs your support more than ever! Please continue to reach out to your representatives and let them know you support common sense regulations over prohibition. We will continue to work closely with our lobbyist to make the Kentucky Hemp Association's voice heard, but we rely solely on donations to pay for our lobbyist. If you can make any donation, it is truly appreciated! It's easy to donate online: <https://kyhempassociation.org/donations/> or send checks to The Kentucky Hemp Association, 11609 Dawson Springs Rd., Crofton, KY 42217.

If your membership has expired, it's easy to renew!

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

As always, please reach out with any questions you may have. We truly appreciate our members and supporters! Everyone's efforts help in achieving our goal of moving this industry forward. Email us: info@kyhempassociation.org