



Kentucky Hemp Association

July 2026 Newsletter

Welcome Tami Wahl to the Board

We would like to welcome our newest board member, Tami Wahl. Tami is a food and drug attorney and policy advisor with a government affairs firm in Washington, D.C. She has worked extensively with the broader botanical industry in charting paths to market in the U.S. and global counterpart economies. Her expertise on complex plant material has been beneficial in developing hemp-related policies to ensure U.S. hemp farmers have ample end markets and consumers have access to clean and high-quality hemp products. Tami is a tremendous asset to our association.

Federal Hemp Legislation Update

Currently the federal timeline of November 12th remains unchanged. The Kentucky Hemp Association feels an extension is imperative at this point and more likely to happen over establishing regulations.

Congressman Andy Barr of Kentucky and Congresswoman Angie Craig of Minnesota introduced a bipartisan bill, HR 9830, on July 22nd to preserve lawful hemp commerce.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/119th-congress/house-bill/9830?hl=hemp&s=1&r=1>

Below is our response:

The Kentucky Hemp Association thanks Congressman Andy Barr for his leadership in introducing a comprehensive federal regulatory framework for hemp products. Kentucky has already demonstrated that a strong, state regulated market can protect consumers while supporting responsible businesses, and hemp has become a critical replacement crop for many of the Commonwealth's tobacco farmers. To preserve these hard earned gains, Congress must extend

the November 12 deadline that would otherwise disrupt the legal hemp marketplace. An extension will give lawmakers the time needed to build a durable federal framework that protects public health, respects successful state regulatory programs like Kentucky's, and preserves economic opportunities for American agriculture.

Dee Dee Taylor, President Kentucky Hemp Association

Urgent Action: Sign On to the Hemp Coalition Letter to Congress

Organizations across the hemp community are joining a coalition letter urging congressional leadership to use the upcoming Continuing Resolution to extend the November 12, 2026 implementation date, preventing a major disruption to the lawful hemp industry and giving Congress the time it needs to complete a permanent bipartisan solution.

To add your organization, please complete the fields below by Wednesday July 29th, 2026. Signatures are collected at the organizational level. By signing on, you confirm that you are authorized to add your organization to the letter and that your organization's name may appear on the final letter submitted to Congress.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgJvMTDrmGU_E8LRu5cieKKGaBVBG6fOqqkePrGCphxBkdrg/viewform?pli=1

Our board members have been actively reaching out to lawmakers and spreading the word about how valuable the hemp industry is every chance they get.

- President, Dee Dee Taylor had the opportunity to speak with Governor Beshear for a moment last week and give his team a request for an Executive Order to protect Kentucky's hemp industry.

<https://kyhempassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/KY-EO-Hemp-Relief.pdf>

- Board Member, Annie Rouse, also drafted this fact sheet we have been forwarding to lawmakers so they understand how the upcoming ban will effect our economy. Please feel free to download and share:

<https://kyhempassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Strengthening-the-U-S-Hemp-Economy.pdf>

- Treasurer, Katie Moyer has been working with Congressman Comer's agricultural staff on an amendment or continuing resolution stating the restrictions on hemp products could not take effect until a year after the FDA complies with a requirement of that law to publish a list of known cannabinoids in cannabis and provide guidance on the term "container".
- Dee Dee Taylor authored an op ed in Louisville's Courier Journal on Sunday: <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/contributors/2026/07/20/kentucky-hemp-ban-cannabinoid-medicine-mitch-mcconnell/90928551007/>
- Vice President, Chris Ware and Treasurer, Katie Moyer will be representing the association at Fancy Farm on Saturday.

Annual Meeting Date & Location Set

Our annual meeting will be held on Friday November 13th at Cannabuzz in Lexington. All members are invited. Details will be forthcoming.

Support the Kentucky Hemp Association

We desperately need your support! The Kentucky Hemp Association relies solely on membership dues and donations to fund our advocacy efforts and retain the lobbyists who represent our industry and help ensure our voices are heard by lawmakers.

Renew your Kentucky Hemp Association membership, encourage others to join and if you are able, please consider making a donation today. Click the link below to donate online or send checks to The Kentucky Hemp Association, 11609 Dawson Springs Rd., Crofton, KY 42217. Every contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated and directly supports our efforts to protect Kentucky's hemp industry.

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Make Your Voice Heard

Whether hemp products have improved your health and wellness, supported your business, helped a family member, or provided economic opportunities in your community, your testimonial matters. We are asking everyone to visit HelpSaveHemp.org to share their story.

Thank you for your continued support of Kentucky hemp and the businesses, farmers, and consumers who depend on it.