



Kentucky Hemp Association

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Today we are 73 days from the federal ban on hemp-derived products containing more than 0.4mg of total THC per container. This will have a devastating effect on the hemp industry we have all worked so hard to build since the start of Kentucky's Hemp Pilot Program in 2014.

Congress will return to session next week to prepare for a vote on the December 11th extension. While this extension may give us a little more time, a one-month delay is simply not enough to address the complex regulatory concerns surrounding adult-use hemp products. We believe responsible regulations should include 21+ age verification, third-party laboratory testing and clear and accurate labeling. These safeguards can protect consumers and give responsible businesses a path forward without eliminating an entire industry.

Our board members and lobbyists have spent the summer working tirelessly to meet with, educate, and build relationships with lawmakers in Kentucky and Washington. We are making sure they understand what this ban really means for small businesses, farmers, consumers, and the thousands of people who rely on hemp products every day.

We desperately need your support!

Right now, our funding is at a critical level. We understand that times are challenging for everyone, and we know not everyone is in a position to make a large donation. That is why we've created another way to support the Association—with a **small, monthly donation through PayPal**. You can choose to donate **\$10, \$20, \$30 or \$50** each month: <https://kyhempassociation.org/donations/> It takes less than a minute

and will help to provide the resources we need to keep fighting for responsible hemp regulations and protecting the future of our industry.

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 work to ensure our voices are heard by lawmakers.

Renew your Kentucky Hemp Association membership and encourage others to join:
<https://kyhempassociation.org/member-sign-in/>

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.

[Donations - We appreciate your generous support! - KYHA](#)

Your Voice Matters

The hemp industry needs your voice now more than ever. Lawmakers need to hear directly from the people who grow hemp, manufacture and sell these products, employ workers, and—most importantly—use them.

Here are a few ways you can help:

Contact your federal representatives. Let them know you support responsible regulation—not a federal ban on hemp-derived products.

Share your story. Tell lawmakers how hemp products have impacted your life, your business, or your community. Personal stories are powerful and help put a face on this issue.

Visit HelpSaveHemp.org to share your story and learn how you can take action.

Spread the word. Share information with your customers, friends, family, and fellow business owners. The more people who understand what is at stake, the stronger our voice becomes.

We have come too far to let our industry disappear. Together, we can make sure lawmakers hear us—and understand that there is a better path forward than a ban.

Thank you for your continued support of Kentucky hemp and the businesses, farmers, and consumers who depend on it. **Every contribution matters. Every voice matters. And together, we can make a difference.**