

SUPPORT HB100

February 11, 2020

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice-Chair and Committee Members Environment & Transportation Committee 6 Bladen St Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Maryland Hemp Coalition, I write to urge support for HB100, which adds to the Maryland Agriculture Commission a seat designated to represent hemp.

The Maryland Agriculture Commission meets monthly, and advises the Maryland Department of Agriculture of issues within the various sectors of Maryland's agricultural industry. By creating a seat for hemp, the industry has a voice alongside the many other important sectors within the industry.

The Maryland Hemp Coalition formed in December, and represents growers, processors and sellers of hemp. The industry is only in its second year, with 65 growers located throughout Maryland.

We urge your support of this legislation's very limited request to add a seat to the Maryland Agriculture Commission designated for the hemp industry.

Sincerely,

Kevin Atticks / Founder & CEO

