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SB1006

Hello Sunshine ☀️

As of right now.... Maryland's Local Hemp Farmers are faced with a few critical issues that restrict them from operating successfully here in Maryland. SB1006 addresses the biggest issues and supports our farmers with a positive impact on the constituents in the community.

Issue: If a Farmer's crop accidentally goes over the legal thc limit just the smallest amount they are required to destroy the entire crop. This is detrimental to their success let alone their survival.

Solution: This bill gives our farmers a remediation avenue to turn the hemp into consumable products that meet legal criteria before going to market. This is an incredible and easy way to support our local hardworking Maryland farmers.

These amendments clarify the language to make it clear and concise. By clarifying the language we gain support from the entire industry as this bill supports our farmers in a very necessary way for them to have any opportunity of success in this challenging climate.

As well as the industry support, YOU should all be extremely proud to vote for this bill as it supports our farmers in Maryland who have been providing quality produce and products to all of your constituents throughout the state.

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March 28, 2022

Honorable Paul Pinsky  
Chairman, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs  
Miller Senate Office Building  
2 West, Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee,

This written testimony is being submitted on behalf of the Maryland Healthy Alternatives Association in support of SB1006 with the proposed sponsor amendments. We believe that this bill would greatly benefit the hemp industry and consumers by creating standards for the sale and production of hemp consumable products which we in the industry have been waiting for since the passage of the 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act and the Maryland Hemp Farming Program. We believe this bill with the included amendments is a fair and responsible piece of legislation that will bolster our industry and do a world of good to both the businesses involved in the production and sale of hemp products as well as the consumers who need access to these products.

We feel that the proposed consensus amendments allow for SB1006 to move forward more favorably to all aspects of the Maryland hemp industry, while also eliminating possible conflicts with current proposed legislation that is placing certain hemp-derived cannabinoids under a study involving the Maryland Department of Agriculture and other state organizations.

As amended, SB1006 allows for the remediation of hemp that exceeds the total THC limit through dilution to the legal limit which will be a great benefit to hemp farmers/producers who would have had to otherwise destroy their crops, taking significant financial losses. Many other industries allow for this remediation to take place and are recognized at the federal level under the USDA's final rule.

We believe that this bill will serve to increase the economic benefits to our industry and our state as a whole. This bill will create jobs, bolster small businesses, and significantly increase tax revenue for our state while simultaneously allowing for the growth of an industry that will be able to pursue further innovation in hemp-based wellness products, fibers, biofuels, and building materials.

This amended bill is the one piece of legislation that our industry has been waiting for and we are proud and happy to show our support. This legislation is great for Maryland's farmers, producers, distributors, retailers, and most importantly, consumers. Thank you, Chairman Guzzone, for your leadership on this bill. We support SB1006 with the proposed amendments and urge a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Patrick & Daniel Simmonds

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MARYLAND HEMP  
COALITION

# SUPPORT SB1006

## with amendments

March 29, 2022

Mr. Chair, Madam Vice-Chair and Committee Members—

On behalf of the Maryland Hemp Coalition, I write to urge support for SB1006, which creates a regulatory structure to allow hemp growers and producers to make and sell consumables within the limits defined under the 2018 Farm Bill.

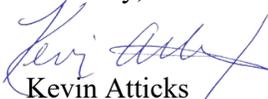
The key features of this bill include:

- A person licensed under the Hemp Farming Program can include the hemp or hemp product in consumable products for sale by the person;
- Allows for remediation of hemp that exceeds the Total THC limit through dilution to a legal limit in consumable products;
- Allows for hemp products to contain a 1% Delta-9 concentration, currently proposed at the federal level.

Amendments have been proposed to exclude bill language that would discriminate against certain hemp derived cannabinoids that are currently included in a study by the MDA and other state organizations. As amended SB1006 would support our local farmers! Given an avenue for remediation, farmers would not have to destroy their entire crop in the event that it exceeds the Total THC threshold at harvest. As we all know this can be severely detrimental to a farm's survival. Many other states allow for this remediation to take place and is currently recognized at the federal level under the USDA's Interim Final rule.

We urge your support of this bill with amendments.

Sincerely,

  
Kevin Atticks  
Founder & CEO





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**Amendments proposed by the hemp industry**

Page 2 line 16-17: Replace “INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY” with “AUTHORIZED LABORATORY” from 15.01.17

Page 3 line 6: Replace “Hemp Research Pilot Program” with “HEMP FARMING PROGRAM” from 15.01.17

Page 4 line 8-9: Replace “TOTAL TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL” with “DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL”

Page 4 line 23-24: Replace “INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY” with “AUTHORIZED LABORATORY” from 15.01.17

Page 5 line 1: Replace “TOTAL TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL” with “DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL”

Page 5 line 18: Replace “TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL” with “DELTA-9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL”

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March 29, 2022

### **Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**

Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair

Senator Cheryl C. Kagan, Vice Chair

### **Subject: Favorable with Amendments S.B. 1006 Hemp Farming Program- Use of Hemp and Hemp Products in Consumable Products**

Dear Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Levi Sellers. I hold a seat on the MD Ag. Commission, I am an advising member of the Maryland Hemp Coalition and also an owner/operator of my families farm South Mountain MicroFARM, a state licensed hemp farm located just outside the town of Boonsboro in Washington County. Our mission is to provide products that not only improve the health of our customers, but also the community and eco-systems that surround us.

I am writing in support of SB1006 with the proposed amendments. I feel that the proposed amendments allow for this bill to move forward more favorably to all aspects of the Maryland hemp industry, while also eliminating possible conflicts with current proposed legislation that is placing certain hemp-derived cannabinoids under a study involving the MDA and other state organizations. These amendments have been agreed upon by both the bill sponsor and proponents of this bill.

SB1006, as amended, would significantly benefit the Maryland hemp industry by legitimizing already existing products, while also allowing for the remediation of crops that previously had to be destroyed.

Since the passage of the 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act and the Maryland Hemp Pilot Program hemp has been available in consumable products. This portion of the industry has been growing with interest from both consumers and producers, but full consumer confidence has been stunted without a formal legal structure to work under. This bill creates the needed legal structure for safe and legitimate hemp products to continue developing the market, while also building confidence for the consumers that need access to these products.

As amended SB1006 allows for the remediation of hemp that exceeds the total THC limit through dilution to the legal limit which will greatly benefit hemp farmers/producers who would have had to otherwise destroy their crops, with significant financial losses. The opportunity for remediation provided in this bill will allow the Maryland hemp industry to be more competitive in the market and further its economic development. Many other industries allow for this remediation to take place and are recognized at the federal level under the USDA's final rule.

I believe that this bill will serve to increase the economic benefits to the Maryland Hemp industry and the state as a whole. SB1006 as amended will create jobs, bolster small businesses and significantly increase tax revenue for Maryland while simultaneously allowing for the growth of an industry that will be able to pursue further innovation in

environmentally-friendly hemp based wellness products, fibers, biofuels, and building materials.

For these reasons I support SB1006 as amended and urge a favorable report with amendments. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MWS" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew W. "Levi" Sellers

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

March 29, 2022

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky  
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: SB 1006 – Hemp Farming Program - Use of Hemp and Hemp Products in Consumable Products – Letter of Information**

Dear Chair Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is submitting this letter of information for Senate Bill (SB) 1006 - Hemp Farming Program - Use of Hemp and Hemp Products in Consumable Products. SB 1006 will permit a person that produces hemp or a hemp product to offer for sale a consumable product that includes the hemp or hemp product. The hemp or hemp product is required to: (1) be tested by an independent testing laboratory; (2) meet applicable safety standards; and (3) not exceed the total tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of 1% on a dry weight basis. The Maryland Department of Agriculture will be responsible for monitoring and regulating the production of hemp, and for reporting any person in violation of the regulations and ensuring correction of the violation.

This bill, if enacted, will permit individuals to legally market and sell consumable products, including food and beverages, that are comprised of hemp which, by definition, contains tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has determined that THC and CBD are not approved as food additives or for food use. Cannabis or cannabis-derived compounds that are classified as hemp under the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) are subject to the same authorities and requirements as FDA-regulated products containing any other substance.

The addition of THC and CBD, hemp-derived or other, into foods or beverages is not permitted under federal food laws (21 USC §342, adopted by Maryland under Health-General §21-239) and hemp or hemp products as defined in SB 1006 would be considered adulterated and not allowed to be used, sold, or served. Persons who produce food or beverages infused with hemp or hemp products, other than those generally recognized as safe (GRAS), may not offer them for sale in Maryland or they risk losing their Maryland food license.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Heather Shek, Director, Office of Governmental Affairs, at 410-767-5282 or [heather.shek@maryland.gov](mailto:heather.shek@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Schrader  
Secretary