



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.

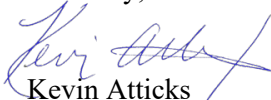
The key features of this bill include:

- 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”