

Senate Bill 508 – Hemp Farming Program – Use of Hemp and Hemp Products in Consumable Products

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Favorable with amendments

Hello 🌻

My name is Abigail Diehl, born and raised in Maryland for over 40 years and have been a local Annapolis resident for nearly half my life.

I have been working in the Maryland Medical Cannabis Industry since the application process in 2015. As well, I have worked with farmers throughout Maryland my whole life as my family owns a produce market, Diehl's Produce, in Severna Park.

As a serial entrepreneur, I have founded and operated multiple businesses in the area, including but not limited to Diehl's Produce (Eastport), Sunny C's LLC, and our newest venture, West Street Strategies. We are always doing our best to support Maryland in every way possible.

We are in FULL support of SB0508 with the amendment recommending

"A consumable Hemp Product may not contain more than 1.75 mg of thc per serving or 4.75 mg of thc per package."

This makes it possible for real hemp farmers (not D8 processors) to make quality consumable products that can actually help people.


Perfect example is my dog's pet tincture!! Which we desperately need PLEASE 🙏🙏🙏
Long story short.... My pup, Marco, went completely paralyzed waste down last summer due to a buldging disk on his spine. After open back spine surgery, lots of prescription medications, 12 days post surgery, there was still no improvement at all. I finally give him his first dose of full spectrum cbd pet tincture and less than **2 hours later he stood up and started walking!!!!** I seriously cannot make this up!! It was an absolute miracle. Yes, he was stumbly, but he was walking!! I give him .75ml every day as he continues to get better and better and is now running, jumping, and climbing stairs.

All thanks to my farmer, Jennifer Sturmer from Hummingbird Farm Botanicals on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and her incredible full spectrum hemp oil that is naturally derived; NOT synthetic, not dangerous, and not getting anyone high. Only helping people and animals get healthy and maximize their quality of life!!

Regarding the thc limit: One pet tincture tested 52.598 mgs of cbd, 2.387 mgs of thc and 1.788 mgs of thca (acidic form that is non-intoxicating). This tincture lasts well over 2 months as he only needs .75ml per day. The total thc in the bottle is 4.18 mgs, well under the .3% federal limit. Hence, us recommending 4.75 mgs per package please. Honestly, so my dog (and all others) can have the medicine that helps him be able to walk. Please.

Along with Marco's incredible story; Warren Tewes is a retired dentist who has lived and worked most of his life here in Maryland. He's in his upper 60's (if I had to guess) and lives on Maryland's Eastern Shore with his wife, Liguori. Not long ago, he was taking 4,000 mgs of Advil every day; 2,000 in the morning and 2,000 in the afternoon. And chained to at least 5 ice packs

throughout the day because he was in so much pain.

He is now taking ONE 50mg Sunny C every morning and living his best life!! No more Advil or ice packs needed!! He now spends his afternoons out on the pier fishing instead of laying on the couch in pain. I receive cards, texts, and emails full of appreciation every few months from his whole family 

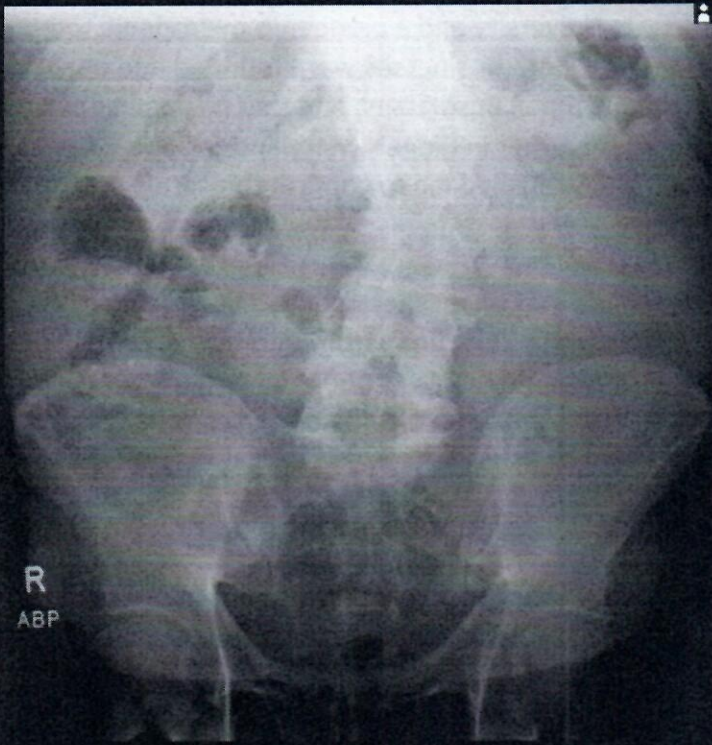
One 50 mg Sunny C has about 1.52 mg of thc, also well under the .3% federal limit.

If the thc limit is anything lower than 1.75 mg per piece or 4.75mg per package the option for this medicine will no longer be available. Warren would have no other choice but to go back on 4,000 mgs of Advil every day, immediately destroying his quality of life and most likely his liver. Picture of his spine....

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Please help us fix this so Marco and Warren can both live their healthiest lives?
I know I sound super cheesy but I can't explain how much my dog, friends, and family mean to me. This goes for all Maryland residents across the state that need relief without getting intoxicated or addicted to pain pills.

My Dad is now able to walk up the stairs with both legs instead of one step at a time (due to his bad knee)... first time in over 2 years because he finally started taking Sunny C's every day!! Plus, his cancer is stable as of now... I'm not going to take credit for that one. However, numbers don't lie and I'm thrilled regardless the reason!!

Sunny C's are a full spectrum cbd chew made from some of the highest quality hemp in the country, testing over 37% cbd. Grown hydroponically in greenhouses on Maryland's eastern shore by Jennifer Sturmer, a graduate of Tufts University and a pioneer in hydroponic tomato farming for the past 38+ years here in Maryland. Both businesses were founded and operated by two different local Woman Owned Maryland Small Businesses; one that has been operating in Annapolis Maryland for over 10 years, and the other in Ridgely Maryland for over 38 years. All Sunny C's are third party tested with a MMCC certified lab to confirm they are a safe and consistent product.

We have testimonials from Warren, Tara (a middle-aged teacher with debilitating arthritis), and plenty of others that have found relief, while staying functional, from our products. The naturally derived full spectrum oil that goes into Sunny C's gives people a safe alternative for a better quality a life. Please do not take this away from people who need it, especially those who are already relying on it.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns!!
Thank you so much for your time and consideration!! Really appreciate you and everything you do!!

Cheers,
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