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To: Conference Committee
From: Minnesota Hemp Growers Cooperative
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The [Minnesota Hemp Growers Cooperative](#) (MHGC) is a member-driven organization dedicated to empowering and advocating for Minnesota's hemp industry by fostering collaboration with the local community, disseminating the latest research and best industrial hemp practices, and facilitating monthly meetings to connect ideas and share strategies on how we can build a better business practice and policy framework to support the growth of Minnesota's hemp industry.

On behalf of over 40 licensed hemp producers around the state, the Minnesota Hemp Growers Cooperative, as well as cannabis connoisseurs, enthusiasts, medical marijuana patients and hobbyists, we have major concerns with the allotted home-grow and possession limits.

The current language states that eight plants, with four of those in flowering are allowed for home cultivation, however, in-home possession is limited to two pounds. And those with more than two pounds may be charged with a felony.

On what planet does this make any sense? Four plants conservatively will yield two pounds. And realistically will yield four pounds. With proper cultivating techniques, you could harvest well over six pounds of material from four plants.

You are allowing a fraction of the yield for possession, while legalizing cannabis, yet are creating a very low bar for felonious activity.

We can appreciate the legislatures desire to limit this for a variety of reasons, however, arbitrary limits that are inherently idiotic on the surface will not suffice. Furthermore, until we treat other regulated substances similarly, like alcohol and tobacco for starters, some of these arbitrary limits will perpetuate the war on drugs and create felons. There is no reason to set the possession limit any lower than four pounds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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