

January 24, 2023

The Honorable Rick Hansen, Chairman Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee Via email: <u>Peter.Strohmeier@house.mn</u>

Re: H.F. 100 – Omnibus Cannabis Bill (Article I)

Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee,

As the Founder and CEO of Prairie Hemp Products, thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective from "Main Street Minnesota" regarding H.F. 100 (Representative Stephenson).

Prairie Hemp Products is a locally-owned business in Redwood Falls, MN. Our product is organically grown and solely indoors so all harvests are at peak times. It is processed in Minnesota and every product we offer is independently verified, as well as state certified to be 100% legally compliant.

For the purposes of today's hearing, I would like to focus Article I, Section 33 of H.F. 100; Cannabis microbusiness licensing. To assist in an efficient transition to legalization, a rating system for growers, processors and distributors when granting microbusiness licenses based on years of operation would be beneficial in helping Main Street businesses. We have the knowledge, expertise, and infrastructure that has been established over the past five years and can provide a seamless transition to the next stage.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide insight regarding the microbusiness licensing in the bill and I look forward to working with you as the bill works its way through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

Jon Steinbach Jon Steinbach, Founder & CEO **Prairie Hemp Products**