

Dear Committee Chair and Committee Administrator,

I would like to testify this Wednesday at the Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee this Wednesday, March 8, at 10:30 AM. I am an industrial hemp farmer in Zumbrota, Minnesota where we grow industrial hemp for our attractions Hemp Maze Minnesota and Canna Disc Golf. We are an agritourism business that educates and informs the public about hemp/cannabis. We also sell our CBD and CBG flower as well as our other medicinal products (topicals, tinctures, gummies, vapes, drinks, and low potency THC products) at our farm store on site and at the Olde Pine Theatre. **I would like to testify on the removal of any product deemed industrial hemp derived from bill HF100 and SF73. HF100 list hemp 381 times and list marijuana is listed just 73 times.** We would like to do business as usual and if this bill passes as it is written it will dramatically effect how we do business. Hemp is already legal on a federal level with the passing of the 2018 farm bill. Minnesota already has state statute 151.72 that regulates hemp products specifically CBD and THC derived from the hemp plant. I am listing a few of the key elements in this bill, HF100, that will have a detrimental effect on industrial hemp growers, producers, and retailers.

1) Article 1 Sec. 20 - We are a family run business and our children help us on the farm to cultivate, process, and sell our hemp derived products including our CBD, CBG and low potency THC products. **This section of the bill will not allow us to employ individuals under 21 to work in a cannabis related business.** My 17 year old child who attends Pine Island High School is in Work Co-op and works at the farm for school credit. Once she graduates high school, she will be working at the farm full time retailing our CBD, CBG, and low potency THC products.

2) Article 1 Sec. 6 - "The office shall approve types of cannabis flower, cannabinoid products, and hemp-derived consumer products other than hemp-derived topical products for retail sale." **How I understand this part of the bill is industrial hemp topicals are the only products we can sell without approval from the Office of Cannabis Management.** The 2018 farm bill, allows for us to sell our cannabinoid products under .3% THC and MN Statute 151.72 further defines hemp derived cannabinoid products. We do not need further regulatory action from the state.

3) Article 1 Sec. 9 Subd. 5 - "No person may import lower potency edible products or hemp-derived consumer products, other than hemp-derived topical products." We currently grow and process our hemp in two states (Minnesota and Wisconsin) and we sell hemp derived cannabinoid products made in Wisconsin, California, North Carolina, Colorado, and Arizona. The 2018 farm bill, allows for interstate commerce of hemp products. **This bill will eliminate the interstate commerce for hemp derived cannabinoid products in Minnesota. Why are we restricting hemp from interstate commerce? Alcohol and tobacco do not have these restrictions and both of those products are poisons to the body.**

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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