



February 27, 2022

The Honorable Michael Nelson, Chairman
House State Government Finance and Elections
585 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155-2538

Re: Letter of Support for H.F. 2996; Industrial hemp extract food additives authorized (Vang)

Chairman Nelson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Minnesota Industrial Hemp Association, a 501 (c) 6 non-profit trade association representing a broad coalition of businesses and individuals who advocate for the re-emerging industrial hemp sector from seed to sale. Specifically, we work on a non-partisan basis to ensure that opportunities for products derived from industrial hemp continue to grow and be readily available to consumers.

Today I write you in support of H.F. 2996. Industrial hemp is cultivated for use in the production of a wide range of products, including foods and beverages. This important legislation approves industrial hemp extract as an approved food additive for intrastate commerce, subject to state and local law and it a pragmatic step forward in creating additional market opportunities. We thank Representative Vang for her work in advancing the bill.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me at info@mnindustrialhemp.com or (651) 247-5458.

Sincerely,

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