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— **The US Hemp Roundtable held its lobbying fly-in day on Wednesday.** The delegation met with lawmakers to push for passage of three bills that they believe would help stabilize the market for hemp-derived products.

HEMP WATCH

HEMP INDUSTRY PRESSES LAWMAKERS ON CBD BILLS — The US Hemp Roundtable’s members hit the Hill on Wednesday to push for passage of legislation that they hope will bolster stability in the fledgling industry. Specifically, the industry group is supporting three bills with bipartisan support that would force the FDA’s hand on establishing regulatory guidance for hemp-derived products like CBD.

The 16-member delegation met with key hemp advocates on both sides of the aisle, including Senate Minority Leader [Mitch McConnell](#), and Reps. [Chellie Pingree](#) (D-Maine), [Morgan Griffith](#) (R-Va.) and [Kurt Schrader](#) (D-Ore.).

Industry advocates have long been frustrated by the lack of regulatory action by the FDA, arguing that the legal uncertainty clouding the industry has stifled growth and hurt hemp farmers. But more recently they’ve been raising alarms about the [proliferation of unregulated, intoxicating hemp-derived products like Delta-8](#), arguing that they’re a public health crisis waiting to happen.

“We’re trying to share that sense of urgency with members of Congress, focusing on securing a hearing or hearings for the CBD bills that we’ve been promoting,” said Jonathan Miller, general council for the US Hemp Roundtable.

FDA pressure: Miller also said that they’re pressing lawmakers to lean on the FDA to implement an enforcement discretion policy, which would allow CBD companies to operate without fear of punishment until the agency takes regulatory action. Up until this point, the agency’s enforcement actions have largely been limited to [sending warning letters to companies](#) that make unsubstantiated medical claims.

But Robert Califf was [recently confirmed as FDA commissioner](#), which could provide an opportunity to convince the agency to change its approach.

“Several of the members of Congress that we met with have spoken to Califf specifically about this issue,” Miller said “The fact that there’s a growing chorus of members going out of their way to bring this up with him is an encouraging sign.”