

# U.S. Hemp Roundtable

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### U.S. HEMP ROUNDTABLE BOARD MEETS WITH U.S. SENATE MINORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL AND OTHER LEADING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING D.C. FLY-IN

*The Nation's Hemp Advocacy Organization Coordinated A Full-Day Of Meetings On Capitol Hill To Advocate For FDA regulation Of CBD, SAFE Banking, And The Hemp Advancement Act*

Washington D.C. — On Wednesday, April 6th the Board of Directors of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable conducted a “D.C. Fly-In” on Capitol Hill, meeting personally with U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), several members of Congress, and Congressional staff to advocate for the FDA regulation of CBD, SAFE Banking for hemp businesses, and the provisions within The Hemp Advancement Act.

Key highlights include —

- An exclusive meeting at the U.S. Capitol with Sen. Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) to strategize on efforts to ensure that the FDA provides a regulatory pathway for hemp products such as CBD.
- Meetings with Sens. Hickenlooper (D-CO) and Rand Paul (R-KY) to encourage greater support for [S. 1698](#), which would regulate CBD as a dietary supplement and food or beverage additive.
- A meeting with House Oversight Committee Ranking Member James Comer (R-KY) to discuss his committee’s interest in overseeing agencies with jurisdiction over hemp and CBD.
- A meeting with Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) to discuss her bill, [H.R. 6645, The Hemp Advancement Act of 2022](#), which would improve the 2018 Farm Bill’s hemp provisions and provide greater clarity and flexibility to hemp growers and processors, while protecting consumers from unsafe products.
- A meeting with Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR) on his efforts to pass [H.R. 841](#), which would regulate CBD as a dietary supplement, and the push to hold a hearing in the Energy & Commerce committee on hemp and CBD.
- A meeting with Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY), Ranking Member of the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy & Commerce committee to discuss the progress on consideration of key bills, H.R. 841 and [H.R. 6134](#), that would ensure FDA regulation of CBD products.
- A meeting with Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY), a member of the House Financial Services Committee, to discuss efforts to pass the [SAFE Banking Act](#).
- Meetings with the staff of Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Rep. Tom O’Halloran (D-AZ), Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO), Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA), and Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO).
- Virtual meetings this week with the staff of Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate HELP Ranking Member Richard Burr (R-NC), House Agriculture Committee Vice Chair Alma Adams (D-NC), and House Energy & Commerce Committee Members Reps. Robin Kelly (D-IL), Mike Doyle (D-PA), Debbie Dingell (D-MI), and Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE).

“After a too long absence from in-person meetings, yesterday was a very welcome opportunity to sit down with some of our biggest supporters on Capitol Hill to discuss strategy, and to advocate to new friends for their support of hemp’s policy agenda,” stated U.S. Hemp Roundtable President, Pete Meachum. “I was very encouraged by the continued, bi-partisan support for hemp farmers and businesses, and look forward to continued policy progress in the months ahead.

“The hemp industry’s policy agenda is ambitious – from ensuring that the FDA regulates hemp products such as CBD to providing regulatory relief for our nation’s farmers,” said Jonathan Miller, General Counsel to the U.S. Hemp Roundtable. “It is so great to have so many strong friends on both sides of the aisle, including both the Senate Majority Leader and the Senate Republican Leader. Now it’s time to ensure that our bipartisan support is reflected in urgent policy change.”

Board and staff members of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable that attended the fly-in include —

Paul Blair, Turning Point Brands  
Fred Cawthon, Verge Agritech  
Ed Conklin, Curaleaf Holdings  
Alyssa Erickson, U.S. Hemp Roundtable  
Kerry Hinkle, U.S. Hemp Roundtable  
Lawrence Hudson, Cronos Group  
Nolan Jackson, U.S. Hemp Roundtable  
Pete Meachum, Cronos Group  
Jonathan Miller, U.S. Hemp Roundtable General Counsel  
Foxhall Parker, Canopy Growth  
Robert Roche, Jr., Red Mesa Science and Refining  
Brooke Parker Robertson, U.S. Hemp Roundtable  
Jim Shorris, Curaleaf Holdings  
Eric Wang, Ecofibre  
Jason Warnock, JustCBD  
Katelyn Wiard, U.S. Hemp Roundtable  
Ben Witte, Recess

## ABOUT

The U.S. Hemp Roundtable is the hemp industry’s national advocacy organization, a coalition of dozens of leading companies and organizations committed to safe hemp and CBD products. The Roundtable proudly works in partnership with the industry's leading national, regional and state grassroots organizations, and is leading the way forward for hemp and CBD products through education and action. More at [hempsupporter.com](http://hempsupporter.com).

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### [Image 1 \(McConnell\)](#)

From left to right: Pete Meachum (President), Ed Conklin, Fred Cawthon, Alyssa Erickson, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Eric Wang, Paul Blair

### [Image 2 \(Hickenlooper\)](#)

Ben Witte discusses how S. 1698 would benefit his CBD beverage brand, Recess, with U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper (D-CO) who serves as a bill cosponsor.

### [Image 3 \(Schrader\)](#)

U.S. Hemp Roundtable board members and staff meeting with Rep. Kurt Schrader (D-OR).

### [Image 4 \(Barr\)](#)

U.S. Hemp Roundtable General Counsel, Jonathan Miller, speaking with Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY).