

U.S. Hemp Roundtable

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U.S. HEMP ROUNDTABLE ENDORSES THE HEMP ADVANCEMENT ACT OF 2022

Washington D.C. — The U.S. Hemp Roundtable applauds Rep. Chellie Pingree’s introduction of The Hemp Advancement Act of 2022 and strongly endorses this long-awaited landmark legislation to address unresolved issues surrounding the implementation of the 2018 Farm Bill hemp provisions.

Under the current regulatory regime established by the 2018 Farm Bill, hemp growers and processors often struggle to navigate THC testing and transportation requirements. Meanwhile, consumers are often confused by products being marketed as hemp which are more appropriately sold in adult-use cannabis channels. The simple, straightforward provisions within The Hemp Advancement Act of 2022 would help make it easier and more profitable for U.S. farmers to grow hemp, while ensuring that consumers of hemp are protected against unsafe products. Further, aspiring hemp farmers who have made mistakes in their past but have paid time for their transgressions are barred from growing a safe and promising crop.

If passed, The Hemp Advancement Act of 2022 would —

- (1) Raise the legal THC threshold for hemp in the field from 0.3% delta-9 THC to 1.0% total THC, providing farmers with needed flexibility to avoid having to destroy fields of “hot” hemp (hemp material that tests above the legal THC threshold)
- (2) Revise the legal THC threshold for consumable hemp products from 0.3 % delta-9 THC to 0.3% total THC, providing separate regulatory pathways for non-intoxicating hemp and intoxicating adult-use cannabis products
- (3) Provide additional protections for the processing and transportation of “hot” hemp
- (4) Remove the DEA monopoly on registering laboratories for testing hemp
- (5) Repeal the controversial drug felon ban which prevents most persons with a felony drug-related conviction from obtaining a hemp license

We are deeply grateful to Congresswoman Chellie Pingree for her strong leadership in spearheading this legislation on behalf of hemp growers, processors, and consumers nationwide. The U.S. Hemp Roundtable is proud to have led a broad-based industry effort to propose the policies that underlie this legislation and to have worked closely with Rep. Pingree’s excellent staff throughout the drafting process to ensure our concerns were taken into consideration. Rep. Pingree’s vision and tenacity will make a significant and meaningful difference for our emerging industry.

In September 2021, members of the U.S Hemp Roundtable were privileged to an exclusive preview of the bill and Q&A session with Congresswoman Pingree during a private virtual fly-in. Watch the full session on the U.S. Hemp Roundtable USHempTV YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/CIUFpKvmS2Q>

Hemp Supporters are encouraged to contact their members of Congress urging cosponsorship of The Hemp Advancement Act of 2022 by filling out the customizable form available at the U.S. Hemp Roundtable Federal Action & Resources Center available here: <https://hempsupporter.com/federal-action-and-resources>

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