



## U.S. HEMP ROUNDTABLE BOARD MEETS WITH U.S. SENATE MINORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL AND KEY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING CAPITOL FLY-IN

On April 6th, 2022 the U.S. Hemp Roundtable coordinated a Capitol Hill "Fly-In" for its Board of Directors and staff to meet 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. Here are just a few highlights from the day!

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"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. [Read the full article.](#)

"In addition to trying to secure passage of HR 841, HR 6134 and S 1698 - three bills that would require that the FDA regulate hemp extracts such as CBD - we discussed the option of inserting language in a must-pass bill that requires FDA to issue a formal policy of enforcement discretion while it develops its regulatory regime." [Read the full article.](#)

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## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 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. John 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'Halleran (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 during the 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).



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