

# GRAB A SEAT AT THE TABLE



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**The nation's ONLY hemp business advocacy organization committed to shaping the future of hemp through state and federal policy.**

Join hemp's leading business advocate! Make your voice heard in Washington D.C. and across the country.



The U.S. Hemp Roundtable is a coalition of dozens of leading companies and organizations committed to safe hemp and CBD products. We proudly represent the industry's major national grassroots organizations and are leading the way forward for hemp and CBD products through education and action. Visit [hempsupporter.com](https://hempsupporter.com) to learn more about us.

## OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR HEMP:

- » Helped secure federal legalization through the 2014 and 2018 Farm Bills
- » Led successful lobbying campaigns in more than two dozen states, including big victories in CA, NY, TX, FL and OH to provide explicit legal protections for hemp and hemp products
- » Worked alongside state officials in Kentucky to develop a new regulatory regime for regulation of hemp-derived delta-8 THC products to serve as a model for the nation
- » Advocated to secure federal legislation and regulatory reform to provide flexibility for hemp farmers under USDA regulations
- » Led efforts to secure an amendment to the SAFE Banking Act providing a safe harbor for hemp farmers and CBD businesses
- » Testified before U.S. House and Senate committees and subcommittees as well as dozens of state legislatures on hemp and CBD policies
- » Advocated for the successfully passed Emergency Relief for Farmers of Color Act

## THE WORK AHEAD OF US:

- » Finalizing FDA's pathway for the retail sale of CBD through passage of H.R.1629 and S.2451
- » Leading industry efforts to secure hemp-friendly provisions in the 2024 Farm Bill
- » Providing greater clarity and flexibility to hemp growers and processors through passage of the Hemp Advancement Act
- » Fighting against federal and state efforts to ban or severely restrict the sale of hemp products containing adult-use cannabinoids such as delta-8 THC
- » Helping ensure access for hemp farmers and CBD companies to banking and merchant services through passage of The SAFER Banking Act
- » Securing tax credits, grant funding and research opportunities for sustainable hemp fiber, pulp and feed
- » Furthering our mission to promote justice and equity in the hemp industry through federal legislation and educational programming

# A DECADE IN THE MAKING

Take a look at some of our top accomplishments and greatest achievements over the past ten years!

- 2012** **January 2012** — Jonathan Miller publishes article in the Huffington Post, arguing for cannabis legalization; Kentucky Ag Commissioner James Comer reads it and enlists Miller's help in efforts to legalize hemp in KY. **July 2012** — Miller, farmers, and advocates form the Kentucky Industrial Hemp Council (KIHC), aimed at introducing and passing hemp legalization.
- 2013** **April 2013** — SB 50 signed into Kentucky law, legalizing hemp in the Bluegrass State. **September 2013** — Comer and KIHC representatives meet with Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), plotting path toward federal hemp legalization
- 2014** **February 2014** — Under McConnell's leadership and that of Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO), the 2014 Farm Bill passes with provision to allow states to launch hemp pilot programs. **August 2014** — Comer, assisted by the KIHC, wins a federal court battle with the DEA, allowing hemp seeds to be imported and pilot programs to commence.
- 2015** **2015-2016** — KIHC leads lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill to ensure federal spending bills include riders to prohibit DEA from interfering with state pilot programs.
- 2017** **February 2017** — With dozens of members from across the country, and the fight for federal legalization paramount, KIHC is rebranded as the U.S. Hemp Roundtable (USHR). **August 2017** — Understanding the need to develop high standards and best practices for the industry, USHR works with industry leaders to develop a guidance plan for an independent, self-regulated organization (SRO).
- 2018** **May 2018** — USHR seeds funding for the establishment of the U.S. Hemp Authority (USHA), an independent SRO to administer the guidance plan for industry standards. **December 2018** — After years of lobbying by the USHR, and the leadership of McConnell, the 2018 Farm Bill is signed into law with provisions to permanently legalize hemp and hemp products like CBD. **December 2018** — Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announces its opinion that CBD ingestible sales are illegal, but will work toward a regulatory pathway for their sales.
- 2019** **March 2019** — Working with Reps. Ed Perlmutter (D-OR) and Andy Barr (R-KY), USHR secured amendment to SAFE Banking Act providing safe harbor for farmers and CBD businesses. **May 2019** — General Counsel, Jonathan Miller, testifies at the FDA's first public hearing on hemp-derived CBD. **August 2019** — Collected data for the development of a federal multi-peril crop insurance program for hemp, providing affordable options to U.S. farmers. **October 2019** — USHR Board meets with USDA to discuss Interim Final Rule for U.S. Domestic Hemp Program; USDA adopts most of USHR's proposed recommendations.



Members of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable gathered in Washington D.C. to lobby on Capitol Hill during the September 2022 Fall Fly-In.

- 2020** **July 2020** — Launched Minority Empowerment Committee (MEC) and adopted ambitious equity and inclusion framework, designed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. **September 2020** — Worked with Reps. Kurt Schrader (D-OR) and Morgan Griffith (R-VA) on introduction of first House bill to establish a regulatory pathway for sale of hemp-derived extract products as dietary supplements. **September 2020** — Led lobbying efforts to ensure hemp farmers were eligible for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP). **October 2020** — New York released hemp regulations reflecting USHR feedback to remove age restrictions on ingestible hemp products and cosmetics.
- 2021** **March 2021** — Worked with KY Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop a regulatory pathway for CBD in food and beverages for the state. **May 2021** — Supported Sen. Ron Wyden's (D-OR) introduction of Senate bill to establish legal and regulatory pathway for the sale of hemp-derived extract products as dietary supplements or food and beverage additives. **October 2021** — California passed AB 45 after a three-year effort led by the USHR and local hemp groups to end the state's prohibition on retail sales of CBD products.
- 2022** **February 2022** — Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME) introduced The Hemp Advancement Act of 2022 with strong support and collaboration from USHR. **April 2022** — Hosted a D.C. Fly-In for Board Members to meet with 14 members of Congress and staff. **July 2022** — Vice President Eric Wang testified at the first House Agriculture Committee hearing on hemp and CBD. **September 2022** — Hosted D.C. Fly-In for Members to meet with Congressional leaders and staff, culminating in a private dinner with Sen. McConnell.
- 2023** **March 2023** — USHR was deeply engaged in the development of the nation's first comprehensive regulatory framework for adult-use cannabinoids in Kentucky through HB544. **May 2023** — U.S. Hemp Roundtable establishes Adult Use Cannabinoid Committee to help guide the regulation of intoxicating hemp products. **July 2023** — Jonathan Miller testified as lead witness and worked closely with House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer (R-KY) to secure the first ever hearing calling on the FDA to answer for their lack of regulation of CBD products. **August 2023** — U.S. Hemp Roundtable responds to Congressional Request for Information (RFI) regarding CBD regulation. **September 2023** — Hosted second 2023 Washington D.C. fly in for a grand total of 127 meetings with members of Congress and Congressional staff for USHR members.

# MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Check out each member level and its benefits to see what works best for your business! Interested in joining? Contact us at [membership@hempsupporter.com](mailto:membership@hempsupporter.com).

Are you a non-profit organization? Join US as an advocacy partner for a discounted rate. Reach out to learn more.



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS		BOARD LEVEL	MEMBER LEVEL
		\$30,000/year	\$10,000/year
<b>DETAILED OVERVIEW</b>		Governs the organization and decision-making on all policies and related industry matters.	Provides a voice in the development of all major organizational policies.
<b>Voting and Committee Participation</b>	# of contacts that may submit a vote	1	1
	# of contacts that may participate on key standing committees	Unlimited	X
	# of contacts that may participate on board-designated ad-hoc committees	Unlimited	5
<b>Member Meetings &amp; Networking Events</b>	# of contacts that may attend quarterly meetings and networking events at dynamic locations across the U.S. (virtual option available)	Unlimited	5
<b>Lobbying Events</b>	# of contacts invited to attend annual D.C. Lobbying Day	Unlimited	5
	# of contacts invited to attend exclusive lobbying events in D.C.	Unlimited	X
<b>50-State Hemp and CBD Law Survey and Maps</b>	# of contacts that receive access to a 50-State Hemp and CBD Law Overview and Survey	Unlimited	5
<b>Weekly Email Updates</b>	# of contacts that may receive weekly member email updates and other important industry information	Unlimited	5
<b>Member Calls</b>	# of contacts that may participate in member update calls that occur every other Friday	Unlimited	5
<b>Board Calls</b>	# of contacts that may participate in monthly unofficial board calls	Unlimited	X
	# of contacts that may participate via Zoom in monthly official board meetings to submit votes on various initiatives, decide the focus of lobbying efforts and outline positions on other key industry issues	3	X
<b>Compliance &amp; Ethics Review</b>	Member company or organization will receive direct review by legal experts on marketing and collateral materials for state and federal compliance *Disclaimer: This is not legal advice	Yes	Yes

# 2024 U.S. HEMP ROUNDTABLE MEMBERSHIP

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