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## U.S. Hemp Roundtable Disappointed in Rep. Andy Harris for Renewed Attempt to Ban Legal Hemp Products

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The U.S. Hemp Roundtable is calling out Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD), Chair of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, for reviving efforts to effectively ban the sale of legal hemp-derived products by inserting controversial language into a federal spending bill.

Jonathan Miller, General Counsel of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable, issued the following statement:

"We are disappointed that Chairman Harris is yet again trying to inappropriately shoehorn a farmer-crushing, job-killing hemp ban into a spending bill. We are hopeful that this effort fails as it has in the past, but the U.S. hemp industry will be united in working together to defeat this misguided attempt to destroy a market that provides treasured health and wellness products to millions of American consumers and that has surged to \$28.4 billion in revenues, creating 328,000 agriculture and retail jobs, with a \$13.2 billion employment impact and \$1.5 billion generated in state tax revenues."

The provision, found on page 113 of the <u>FY2026 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug</u> <u>Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill</u>, would redefine hemp in a way that prohibits any product containing a "quantifiable" amount of THC. If enacted, this would eliminate the vast majority of hemp-derived products currently sold nationwide, including most non-intoxicating CBD supplements. The language closely mirrors the failed Mary Miller Amendment to the 2023 U.S. Farm Bill draft.

The subcommittee will consider the bill tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5, at 10:30 a.m.

## INDUSTRY RESPONSE AND CALL TO ACTION

Despite the significant threat, industry leaders urge calm but immediate action. The U.S. Hemp Roundtable is urging Congress to reject this language and protect the future of the legal hemp industry: <u>https://hempsupporter.com/bill/fy26-hemp-ban-proposal-stop-the-attack-on-legal-hemp/</u>

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To schedule interviews or request comment from Jonathan Miller or other hemp industry leaders, please contact: news@hempsupporter.com

## About U.S. Hemp Roundtable

The U.S. Hemp Roundtable advocates for just, science-backed laws and regulations that support hemp farmers and a sustainable, responsible industry—from cultivation to consumer. We champion safe manufacturing, ethical distribution, and policies that protect consumer access to plant-based adult-use products, while keeping them out of minors' hands. More at <u>www.hempsupporter.com</u>.