

U.S. Hemp Roundtable Strongly Condemns Order Banning Legal Hemp Products Issued by Ohio Governor DeWine

COLUMBUS, OH – The U.S. Hemp Roundtable today expressed deep concern and strong opposition to Governor Mike DeWine’s (R-Ohio) recent executive order that effectively bans the sale of lawful hemp-derived products across the state for a 60-day period. Industry advocates warn the move will devastate small businesses and undermine years of bipartisan work to establish a safe, regulated hemp marketplace.

“Governor DeWine’s executive order is a misguided overreach that threatens to shutter hundreds of Ohio small businesses and wipe out millions in legitimate economic activity,” said **Jonathan Miller**, General Counsel of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable. “We are outraged that the Governor is attempting to bypass the Ohio legislature and misuse executive powers to deliver a crushing, job-killing blow to the state’s hemp industry. Hemp products are legal under both Ohio and federal law — this order simply isn’t supported by statute or precedent.”

The U.S. Hemp Roundtable emphasized that while it supports reasonable safeguards to ensure product safety and prevent youth access, the Governor’s sweeping ban goes far beyond protecting consumers.

“We share the Governor’s goal of keeping unsafe or youth-targeted products off the shelves,” Miller continued. “But this action unfairly targets responsible American hemp companies that follow the law and operate transparently. Instead of prohibition, Ohio should pursue regulation — setting age limits, mandating independent third-party testing, requiring accurate labeling, and ensuring products are made with American-grown hemp.”

For months, the U.S. Hemp Roundtable has collaborated with Ohio lawmakers to advance legislation creating a comprehensive regulatory framework for hemp-derived products. The organization reaffirmed its commitment to working with the General Assembly to enact fair, balanced, and science-based rules that protect consumers while preserving small business investment and jobs.

“We implore Ohio legislators to reject this executive overreach and continue developing a thoughtful, evidence-based approach that distinguishes hemp from marijuana, supports responsible businesses, and respects the intent of the 2018 Farm Bill and Ohio’s own Senate Bill 57,” Miller concluded.

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About the U.S. Hemp Roundtable:

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.