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## Hemp industry responds to misleading Hobby School poll

(Austin, TX) — The Hobby School at the University of Houston released a poll today claiming that a slight majority of Texans support a ban "on the unregulated sale of THC consumables by retail outlets. In fact, THC consumables in Texas are subject to a robust series of federal and state regulations.

In response to the Hobby School poll, Mark Bordas, the Executive Director of the [Texas Hemp Business Council](#) (THBC), released the following statement:

"The sale of hemp-derived THC consumables in Texas has been regulated since 2019. For example, the U.S. Department of Agriculture oversees hemp cultivation and production to ensure THC levels stay below the federally mandated threshold. In addition, Texas has implemented its own regulations on lawful hemp products, including licensing systems, quality control requirements, and compliance checks. The Texas Department of State Health Services regulates hemp-derived products, including hemp edibles, food and drinks infused with CBD, and topicals. These regulations are working and should be maintained, In addition, we support additional standards to keep adult hemp products away from minors, including a prohibition on sales to anyone who is under 21."

Bordas continued, "A sweeping ban on all THC products is a threat to liberty and jobs in Texas. Many Texans safely and lawfully use these products for mild pain, sleep, or diet needs, and more than 50,000 Texans work in the hemp industry. Legislators should apply additional and sensible measures rather than pursuing a vast government overreach that will weaken liberty and destroy jobs."

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**The Texas Hemp Business Council is an industry organization that actively promotes the hemp industry while advocating for consumer safety, education, and stakeholder engagement. For more information about the THBC and the sale of THC consumables, please contact Jason Embry and (512) 560-3876 or [jason@newwestcomms.com](mailto:jason@newwestcomms.com).**