# Dear Member of Congress,

As a (**STATE**) hemp farmer and proud contributor to the American agricultural economy, I write to express my strong opposition to Section 759 of the FY2026 House Agriculture–FDA Appropriations bill being included in the Senate version. I know firsthand the consequences this language would bring: the collapse of the hemp marketplace and the devastation of a critical source of income for rural communities.

For years, farmers – particularly in (**STATE**) – across the country have worked tirelessly to develop hemp into a viable, alternative crop. In the face of shrinking tobacco (**other crops?)** contracts, volatile commodity prices, and extreme weather, hemp has offered stability. It is drought-resistant, requires fewer inputs than many crops, and enriches our soil. But most importantly: it has provided a path forward.

That path forward now depends on the intoxicating hemp-derived marketplace.

Let us be clear: Hemp-derived THC products—produced legally from

non-intoxicating hemp—have created real demand for our crop. Finished goods like beverages and other consumer products are fueling this growth, and farmers are finally seeing the promise of hemp becoming a reality. Eliminating these products through overly broad federal language would devastate this momentum, wipe out our contracts, and close off the future we’ve spent years building.

This is not just about hemp-derived products that may have psychoactive effects. It’s about the entire ecosystem. When demand for cannabinoids declines, our options shrink. And the idea that this market can be banned because of trace levels of THC in legal hemp material is scientifically and economically misguided.

We are not asking for a free pass—we are asking for smart regulation. Like alcohol, hemp products can and should be regulated with clear rules: age-gating, labeling standards, potency limits, and safety testing. (**STATE DEPENDENT**) has already implemented a framework that balances consumer protection with economic opportunity. Congress should learn from that—not shut the market down entirely.

Section 759 would throw all of this away—hurting farms, limiting consumer access, and reopening the door to black-market products. We urge you to remove this language from the final bill and support a future where hemp is regulated sensibly, not banned blindly.

Sincerely, **[Your Name] [Farm Name]**

# [City, State]

On behalf of American Hemp Farmers Across the Country