



NATIONAL HEMP GROWERS ASSOCIATION

True to the American Farmer

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To the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture.

The National Hemp Growers Association (formerly the Texas Hemp Growers Association) asks you to Vote NO on the Miller Amendment today.

The National Hemp Growers Association represents row crop farmers who include hemp in their portfolios. We have members across the United States including Kentucky, Texas, South Dakota, Nevada, California, Washington and Colorado. The recent House Farm Bill draft was celebrated as a great step forward and meaningful support for the development of hemp as an agricultural commodity and a new cash crop for American Farmers. However, the Miller Amendment will devastate this potential and undermines the jurisdiction of the USDA to regulate and manage American Agriculture by mandating laws for finished products intended for human or animal consumption. This is the jurisdiction of the FDA and is not appropriate for consideration in the Farm Bill.

As farmers who grow other traditional row crops, there are many phytochemicals and contaminants regulated in food, feed and wellness crops including heavy metals, pesticides and biological contaminants, many that are harmful and even lethal. A request for basically non detectable limits of THC while action limits of up to 50 ppm of Arsenic are allowed in animal feed is at the least inappropriate and undermines the perception of a safe food and feed supply.

With a mission to promote producer control of the hemp industry in the United States from seed to sale, develop infrastructure to connect growers to resources and markets, and engage governments and businesses in the promotion of industrial hemp as a valuable resource. We ask you and your colleagues to keep the farmers in the Farm Bill and VOTE NO on the Miller Amendment to preserve the integrity of the USDA regulating agriculture and the FDA focused on the safety of food and feed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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