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Regarding: Congressional

Message:
Subject: Vote NO on a Hemp Ban – Regulate Like Alcohol

To the members of the Senate Committee on State Affairs,

My name is Mary Johnson, and I am a constituent from Cedar Park / Leander Texas and also a 5th generation Texan. I am writing to urge you to oppose any legislation, like SB 5, that would ban popular hemp products in Texas.

The argument that these products should be illegal simply because they can be intoxicating is inconsistent and unfair when alcohol, a far more dangerous substance, is sold legally and celebrated in our state. If the principle is to protect the public from intoxication, then our laws should be applied consistently.

Instead of another failed prohibition, which will only create an unregulated, unsafe market, we should implement a sensible regulatory framework. Let's treat these products like we treat alcohol:

Restrict sales to adults 21 and over.

Require lab testing for safety and potency.

Tax the sales to generate revenue for our state.

Please apply the same standards to all adult-use products. Do not destroy thousands of Texas jobs and a thriving industry based on a standard you are unwilling to apply to alcohol.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Mary Johnson
Cedar Park / Leander Texas [REDACTED]

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