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Dear Senator,

I am writing to request your support for HB 424, the New Hampshire industrial hemp farming act. For information about the bill, please read the enclosed fact sheet describing the exhaustive list of rigorous controls HB 424 contains.

On March 22, the House Committee on Environment and Agriculture voted Do Pass in favor of HB 424. On April 5, the House passed the bill 109-76. On May 3, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Labor and Consumer Protection voted Inexpedient to Legislate against HB 424. The bill will be heard on the Senate floor on May 10, 2007. I hope that you will reject the committee's assessment and vote in favor of the bill.

If HB 424 passes, New Hampshire could be one of the first states to farm industrial hemp. In the coming weeks, farmers in North Dakota are filing a lawsuit that will likely prevent the Drug Enforcement Administration from interfering with the implementation of the state's industrial hemp farming law. New Hampshire should join the fight, or at least be ready to farm with functional legislation like HB 424 for the moment when, through legal or legislative action, states win the right to regulate industrial hemp farming within their own borders.

Industrial hemp is one of the most profitable crops per acre across the border in Canada. Canadian farmers are supplying the growing US market for hemp, including the omega-3 and protein rich hemp foods that the Today Show declared the hot new food trend of 2007. FlexForm produces hemp auto parts found in an estimated 3 million vehicles in North America. Why shouldn't New Hampshire farmers get a chance to supply FlexForm and other US hemp companies?

Please do the right thing for New Hampshire's farmers by supporting HB 424.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Relations  
**Vote Hemp**