



The Industrial Hemp Farming Act, H.R. 1831

This Act would create jobs by reducing federal regulations on agricultural hemp production. Current law requires all hemp products to be imported.

The Industrial Hemp Farming Act would:

- **Return power to states** to regulate specific varieties of non-drug agricultural hemp.
- **Lower costs** by locally producing and processing raw materials and finished products.
- **Give opportunities to farmers** to grow a versatile, low input, and profitable rotation crop.
- **Open the market** for businesses and entrepreneurs in the emerging and fast growing hemp industry.

Why Now?

- **Sales of natural products** derived from hemp are skyrocketing. They include nutritious food to apparel to cosmetics to bio-composites to construction and building materials to fuel.
- **New products: Hemp Milk** (available at any *Whole Foods* and *Trader Joe's*), and low carbon **Hemcrete** (www.Hemp-Technologies.com) are becoming increasingly popular in the US and around the world.
- **Businesses including Hanes, Levis, and Georgia Pacific want to buy American hemp.** As cotton prices continue to rise, businesses and consumers seek cost effective alternatives (www.naturallyadvanced.com).

Made in the USA

- Last year, Canadian farmers reported profits of \$200+/ acre, and also took advantage of the agricultural benefits of hemp farming. In the US, different hemp varieties can be grown in all 50 states.
- Last year during Hemp History Week, there were over 550 events and product samplings in all 50 states. Support for a revised hemp policy has never been stronger. (www.HempHistoryWeek.com)
- **17+ states**, the **National Farmers Union**, the **National Association of State Departments of Agriculture**, and many other local and national groups, have already urged Congress to Act on this issue.
- To learn more, please see “**Hemp as an Agricultural Commodity**”, CRS Report RL 32725.

We can no longer afford to ignore this bipartisan solution to job creation.

Please urge Congress to support the Industrial Hemp Farming Act.

Thank you very much,

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