

Hemp Farming Act of 2018

New bipartisan hemp legislation will create jobs & reduce the trade deficit

Hemp Farming Act of 2018 - S. 2667 and H.R. 5485

- Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader McConnell along with Minority Leader Schumer, Senator Paul, Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley
- Defines hemp as distinct with 0.3% THC or less and includes plant extracts
- Allows states to regulate hemp farming and gives USDA oversight to approve state programs
- Authorizes crop insurance and provides research funding for hemp
- House companion bill sponsored by Rep. Comer along with Rep. Polis
- Updated language in the Hemp Farming Act has galvanized support

Strong Bipartisan Support

- In 2014, Congress defined and approved industrial hemp pilot programs in Sec. 7606 of the Farm Bill
- Since then, several hemp amendments passed the House and Senate with strong bipartisan support

Hemp in the States

- 39 States currently have laws allowing hemp farming or research (www.votehemp.com/states)
- In 2016, 25,713 acres of hemp were grown across 19 states for pilot programs and university research: Colorado, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia
- Kentucky approved 12,500 acres for 2018 and more than 30,000 acres expected to be planted nationwide

Good For American Farmers

- Endorsed by the American Farm Bureau, the National Farmers Union, The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, and other agriculture trade groups
- Can be grown without pesticides and requires less water than cotton or corn
- Excellent rotation crop and returns a high value for struggling farmers

Industrial Hemp Is

- A versatile, sustainable agricultural crop, a favorite of founding fathers Washington and Jefferson
- Grown worldwide and exported to the U.S., more than \$680 million in U.S. hemp retail sales in 2016
- Used for thousands of products: food, cosmetics, textiles, building materials, auto parts and many others
- A plant that produces nutritious seed, strong bast fibers & non-intoxicating healthy extract supplements
- NOT a drug and not able to cause a high, in any quantity

Hemp Creates Farming and Manufacturing Jobs and Supports Rural Communities

Please cosponsor S. 2667 or H.R. 5485

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