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To: Conference Committee
From: Minnesota Hemp Growers Cooperative
Date: May 14, 2023

The [Minnesota Hemp Growers Cooperative](#) (MHGC) is a member-driven organization dedicated to empowering and advocating for Minnesota’s hemp industry by fostering collaboration with the local community, disseminating the latest research and best industrial hemp practices, and facilitating monthly meetings to connect ideas and share strategies on how we can build a better business practice and policy framework to support the growth of Minnesota’s hemp industry.

On behalf of over 40 licensed hemp producers around the state, the Minnesota Hemp Growers Cooperative writes to you to express our concerns for a specific line item in HF100. Specifically, lines 254.3 and 254.4. For full context, the section is spelled out below with the issue highlighted.

Subd. 3. **Sale of cannabinoids derived from hemp.**

- 253.23 (a) Notwithstanding any other
- 253.24 section of this chapter, a product containing nonintoxicating cannabinoids, including an
- 253.25 edible cannabinoid product, may be sold for human or animal consumption only if all of
- 253.26 the requirements of this section are met, provided that a product sold for human or animal
- 253.27 consumption does not contain more than 0.3 percent of any tetrahydrocannabinol and an
- 253.28 edible cannabinoid product does not contain an amount of any tetrahydrocannabinol that
- 253.29 exceeds the limits established in subdivision 5a, paragraph (f).
- 253.30 b) No other substance extracted or otherwise derived from hemp may be sold for human
- 253.31 consumption if the substance is intended:
- 253.32 (1) for external or internal use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention
- 254.1 of disease in humans or other animals; or
- 254.2 (2) to affect the structure or any function of the bodies of humans or other animals.;
- 254.3 (3) to be consumed by combustion or vaporization of the product and inhalation of
- 254.4 smoke, aerosol, or vapor from the **product**; or

Based on the effects of certain cannabinoids and their place in society as well as revenue streams for licensed producers, we find it draconian at best that you are eliminating these non-intoxicating major cannabinoids. We politely ask you to amend the line items to include the following:

“with exception to CBD, CBC, CBG, CBL, CBN, CBT, Δ9THC along with their acidic and varin counterparts.” inserted after **product**.

We can understand and appreciate the legislature trying to prevent the introduction of new artificial and synthetic cannabinoids to circumvent restrictions, however, you can do so without harming the producers and consumers by exempting the noted cannabinoids above so long the total THC remains below 0.3% as stipulated per line 253.27

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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