

There is no reason to go against the intent of Congress in the 2018 Farm Bill, which defines hemp as "cannabis sativa L. and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis." The cultivation, processing and distribution of hemp has a tremendous benefit to farmers, transporters and distributors of hemp derived products. All naturally occurring cannabinoids, including Delta 9 THC under 0.3% on a dry weight basis, or cannabinoids naturally derived from hemp, are fully legal and should not be prohibited from entering the stream of commerce. In addition, funding should be allocated to increase research and development of hemp derived cannabinoids, confirm public safety and confidence in the products. Furthermore, common sense regulations should seek to limit the dosing of new cannabinoids and require a license as a hemp producer, manufacturer or distributor.