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The Honorable Mike McGuire
Assembly District 2
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
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Re: Industrial Hemp Regulation – SUPPORT

Dear Senator McGuire,

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports efforts to regulate industrial and intoxicating hemp products in California and efforts to draft legislation this year.

The County supports an enforcement framework for intoxicating hemp products, which are currently being sold at gas stations, liquor stores, and smoke shops throughout the state, posing significant risks to public health and safety and undermining the legal and regulated cannabis market.

The County believes that the legislature can still take decisive action this year if an appropriate vehicle is identified.

A recommended course of action would be a focused discussion on the issues associated with the sale of intoxicating hemp products in the general commercial market while avoiding the complicated and controversial aspects of establishing a framework for allowing the sale of hemp-derived products within the cannabis supply chain (“integration”). Future hemp integration proposals could then be considered through a separate vehicle that considers the many impacts on the legal cannabis market without complicating the immediate need to address the sale of intoxicating hemp in the general market.

Sincerely,

Maureen Mulheren, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Jim Wood, California State Assembly, 2nd District

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