

Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chairman Reineke, Ranking Member DeMora and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today. My name is Eyad Moreb, and I have proudly operated Moreb Wholesale for over 20 years. We specialize in supplying c-store and smoke shops, and cash and carry with over than 2000 customers across the nation I am here to express my strong opposition to SB326.

Hemp-derived products have become an essential part of my business, allowing us to weather the challenges of rising costs and growing overhead while continuing to serve our costumers. However, I understand concerns about safety and regulation. That's why I want to assure you that if these products are regulated instead of banned, I will work alongside my industry colleagues to uphold the highest standards of compliance and safety.

If you choose to regulate rather than ban hemp products, I am committed to:

- Partnering with reliable sources to ensure that all products sold meet strict safety and quality standards.
- Educating small business owners and employees about the rules and best practices for implementing these regulations effectively.
- Advocating for responsible retail practices to ensure these products are sold only to appropriate customers in a safe and transparent manner.

Banning these products outright will not address the root concerns. Instead, it will harm businesses like mine, push consumers to unregulated markets, and eliminate opportunities for responsible retailers and distributors to support public safety and compliance.

As a business owner, I want to be part of the solution. I urge you to work with stakeholders to create balanced regulations that prioritize safety while allowing businesses to thrive. Please vote against SB326 and choose a path that benefits both public safety and economic growth.

Thank you for your time and for considering the voices of responsible business owners like me.

Sincerely,

Eyad Moreb

Owner, Moreb Wholesale