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Members of the Senate General Government Committee:

My name is Nael Asad, and I am the Vice President of Sales at Asad Wholesale, a family-operated business serving Cincinnati, Ohio, for over 20 years. In 2020, during the supply chain challenges brought by COVID-19, we began working with the hemp industry. Over time, this industry has become an essential part of our business, enabling us to expand, hire more employees, and better support our community. Today, I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB326 and its proposed amendment restricting hemp product sales to dispensaries.

As someone who has worked closely with small business owners and customers, I know firsthand the values of hard work, opportunity, and fairness that drive local businesses like ours. Unfortunately, SB326 undermines those values.

If enacted, SB326 will force many small businesses to shut their doors, including suppliers and retailers who rely on hemp products as a core part of their operations. This will result in lost jobs, weakened local economies, and an increase in unregulated markets, all of which go against the intended purpose of regulation.

Rather than dismantling an industry that has safely and legally served consumers under federal guidelines, I urge you to work with small business owners like myself to create balanced regulations that address health concerns without harming livelihoods.

I respectfully ask you to stand with Ohio's small businesses and workers. Reject SB326, and let's collaborate on a solution that ensures both consumer safety and economic opportunity for all.

Sincerely,
Nael Asad
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