

Thank you, General Government Committee, for the opportunity to share my opposition to Senate Bill 86 from a hemp farmer's perspective.

We have three bills currently in motion, and there are rumors of a fourth. I'm betting, just like in any other industry, there are a lot of well-intended individuals who represent Ohio lawmakers and politicians... and I'm sure there are bad actors in this space, just like in any other. That said, we're in an illuminated space these days—with the internet and the birth of an industry.

My main ask is this: first, take note that we're a bellwether state. People are watching. Humans know how to "internet" these days. Hemp and cannabis are in the same plant family, and therefore the laws we make around them should be symbiotic—not separate.

Second, we're in a challenging spot as it relates to the language you're putting forth in this bill. Please adjust lines 444–450 to reflect increments of 10MG per serving and 100MG per package.

Now, I have two examples here of why the limits above are out of place.

First, take this pet tincture—Tobi's Tincture (named after our neighbor's dog). She was paying way too much for a subpar product from California... now she gets it from the farmer next door.

Next, please see this pre-roll that our team, Appalachian Girls, grows in Nelsonville, Ohio, out of the old Rocky Boot Factory (remember, another one of those large companies that we lost work from in rural Ohio). Well, thanks to ACEnet, we have premium indoor space inside that facility, and we have customers—dare I say, patients—who use these products every day because they suffer from cannabis hyperemesis disorder.

You may have heard me banter about Ohio's energy crisis and how we're growing plants indoors—this would be a reason to grow them inside. These

pre-rolls (Josh could tell you a lot more about this) are environmentally controlled, and they can optimize taste, smoothness, flavors, etc., by growing cannabis indoors. Talk to Jodi Salvo, my state representative, about this—she's deep in the weeds on this topic (no pun intended). If you know her platform, you'll know she hasn't exactly been a fan of this plant over the years. But she has immersed herself in this topic and has stood by us hemp farmers as we've engaged with organizations like the Ohio Farm Bureau.

Lastly, please call out specific areas such as topicals and ingestibles, such as our gummies and tinctures. We know this plant has been here in Ohio, and Ohioans love to consume it. That has not changed, and no laws will limit that. Please allow us to create more farmer-friendly language that gives the cultivators in this state a chance to grow.