

The Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2011 - HR 1831

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I am writing today to urge you to support House Bill 1831, The Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2011, which would grant states the authority to license and regulate the commercial production of hemp as an industrial and agricultural commodity.

Hemp is a distinct variety of the plant species *cannabis sativa* that contains only minute (less than 1%) amounts of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the primary psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. Passage of HR 1831 will grant farmers access to a viable, alternative economic crop without altering or interfering with existing state laws discouraging the recreational use of cannabis.

According to a 2010 Congressional Resource Service report, "approximately 30 countries in Europe, Asia, and North and South America currently permit farmers to grow hemp." But the United States does not. As a result, U.S. companies that specialize in hempo goods have no choice but to import hemp material. These added production costs are then passed on to the consumer who must pay artificially high retail prices for hemp products.

Passage of HR 1831 is a common-sense bill that will help to stimulate the economy, create jobs, and enable U.S. farmers to grow a low maintenance alternative crop.

Once again, I urge you to support House Bill 1831, The Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2011.

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