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Citizens for a Safe and Healthy Texas

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Dear CSHT members,

It's urgent to contact Gov Abbott to stop [HB 2593](#), the expansion of today's high potency marijuana, and [HB 3948](#) which will allow Hemp to be a feed commodity for our livestock.

We provided a 4 step process that should only take you about 5 to 10 mins.

STEP 1

Please call Gov Abbott at **(512) 463-1782** with this message

Governor Abbott, thank you for serving the great state of Texas. We urge you not to sign HB 2593 into law that allows the expansion of marijuana. Last week, Colorado introduced a bill (HB 1317) to get a potency cap on their marijuana products. Many families testified of the horrific effects caused by these products including [addiction](#), [psychosis](#), [schizophrenia](#), and [suicide](#). While Colorado is calling back marijuana, Texas should not be expanding marijuana.

Gov Abbott, HOLD THE LINE AND KEEP MARIJUANA MESSES FROM INCREASING

STEP 2

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[Texas HB-2593: Smoke, Mirrors, and Far Too Many Unintended Consequences](#)

Reading between the lines, Texas House Bill 2593 is meant to decrease the number of people “under felony community supervision or incarcerated within the state correctional institutions” according to the bill’s Fiscal Notes. Whether this occurs or not is yet to be determined. This goal is expected to be accomplished by making the possession of any form of THC, the main psychoactive ingredient of marijuana, basically a misdemeanor instead of a felony.

The downgrade from a felony to misdemeanor level for the possession of THC will be done by creating a Penalty Group 2-B in the Health and Safety Code, which will include “Tetrahydrocannabinols, other than marijuana, and synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the plant, or in the resinous extractives of Cannabis, or synthetic substances, derivatives, and their isomers with similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity, including certain specified structures and compounds of those structures.” Further, since THC and its derivatives will be in Penalty Group 2-B, it will be denoted as a “controlled substance” under the Texas Pharmacy Act and will no longer be termed a “dangerous drug” under the act.

What is interesting is that there is no potency limits included in the language of this bill. Some forms of THC are available in potencies in the 90% plus range. Further, science has proven and documented that high potency THC can cause significant mental issues including paranoia, psychosis, schizophrenia, suicidality and bipolar disorder. THC is indeed a “dangerous drug”.

The bill also has no provisions for education on the harms of THC. Since possession now starts at the misdemeanor level, this bill sends a silent message to our young that using THC is not really that big of a deal; there will no longer a strong detriment to its use. Rather, possession will result with only a “slap on the wrist”.

The fact that this bill was voted on and passed by both the House and Senate shows how ill informed the Texas legislators are about the negative effects of THC. It should be noted that the Colorado Public and Behavioral Health & Human Services Legislative Committee recently unanimously voted “yes” for

HB 21-1317. This bill requires the Colorado School of Public Health to do a thorough review of the current scientific research related to the physical and mental health effects of high-potency THC marijuana and concentrates and complete a detailed report on their findings. The bill also creates a scientific review board that will examine the report and make recommendations (potency, etc.) to the general assembly. Based on the research and findings, the Colorado School of Public Health will develop a public education campaign on the effects of high-potency THC marijuana on the developing brain and mental health.

It is clear that the Texas legislators did not consider the many unintended consequences of HB-2593. Therefore, the Governor should veto this bill. Anything less would be considered a dereliction of duty by a government official.

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<https://www.safehealthytexas.org/texas-hb-2593-smoke-mirrors-and-far-too-many-unintended-consequences/>

STEP 3

Please call Gov Abbott at **(512) 463-1782** with this message

Governor Abbott, thank you for serving the great state of Texas! Please do not sign HB 3948 into law. Hemp is not proven safe to be a feed commodity. It sucks up heavy metals from the soil, It contains both THC and CBD which are drugs that are fat-soluble, meaning they will collect in the fatty tissues and organs of mammals. Given the numerous negative side-effects listed for both CBD and THC in FDA literature, simply erring on the side of reason and saying “No” to this bill is a must for public health. Thank you

STEP 4

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Is Feeding Hemp to Cattle a Good Idea? A Health-Based Perspective

There is a bill, [HB 3948](#), in the Texas Legislature that allows hemp to be used for cattle feed. However, while feeding hemp to cattle may seem like a good idea to better promote the hemp industry, all that it takes is a bit of research to

find out that it could lead to dangerous outcomes.

First, cannabis plants, which include [both hemp and marijuana, are considered “soil scrubbers”](#). They are used to remove toxins, such as [heavy metals](#), pesticides, radioactive materials, etc. from the soil. While not a well-known practice in the United States, it is used to remediate the soil in countries such as Italy and Russia. What is interesting is the fact that both [marijuana and hemp products have been recalled because of high levels of heavy metals](#) and pesticides in the United States. This is not a coincidence because the plant is doing what nature designed it to do, namely, to extract contaminants from the soil. In regard to cattle feed, is hemp therefore a product that can be safely fed to cattle without thorough and [verifiable](#) testing for contaminants?

Evidence-based on “human-grade” cannabis products currently for sale and reportedly tested indicates that the answer to this question is an emphatic “No!”

Second, hemp contains both CBD and THC, although the THC content has to be equal to or less than 0.3% THC with no limits on CBD. Both of these molecules are FDA-approved drugs. CBD is available by prescription under the trade name Epidiolex for the treatment of rare forms of epilepsy and THC is available under several trade names for the treatment of end-of-life cancer pain and as an appetite enhancer for AIDS patients. CBD and THC are also fat-soluble, which means in layman’s terms that it will collect in the fatty tissues and organs of the animal that consumes it. Over time, these chemicals can reach higher than expected concentrations and can be released in the animal’s milk or be stored and then later consumed in a slaughtered animal’s fat-laced meat and organs.

Third, CBD and THC are FDA-approved prescription drugs. What are especially interesting are the adverse reactions and warnings published by the FDA and manufacturers for these drugs:

- CBD ([Epidiolex](#))
 - Adverse Reactions
 - Somnolence (sleepiness)
 - Decreased appetite
 - Diarrhea
 - Transaminase (liver enzymes) elevations
 - Fatigue
 - Malaise and asthenia (weakness)
 - Rash
 - Insomnia
 - Sleep disorder, and poor-quality sleep
 - Infections
 - Warnings
 - Hepatocellular (Liver) Injury
 - Somnolence and Sedation (do not drive or operate heavy machinery)
 - Suicidal Behavior and Ideation
 - Hypersensitivity Reactions
 - Pregnancy: Based on animal data, may cause fetal harm
- THC ([Marinol](#))

- Adverse Reactions
 - Abdominal pain
 - Dizziness
 - Euphoria
 - Nausea
 - Paranoid reaction
 - Somnolence
 - Thinking abnormal
 - Vomiting
- Warnings
 - May cause psychiatric and cognitive effects and impair mental and/or physical abilities (do not drive or operate heavy machinery)
 - Patients with cardiac disorders may experience hypotension, hypertension, syncope or tachycardia.
 - Seizures and Seizure-like Activity
 - Multiple Substance Abuse
 - Paradoxical Nausea, Vomiting, or Abdominal Pain
 - Pregnancy: May cause fetal harm
 - Lactation: Advise HIV-infected women not to breastfeed. Advise women with nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy not to breastfeed during treatment with MARINOL and for 9 days after the last dose.

There is lastly a [research paper published in 2008](#) describing how a group of children in Pakistan were found to have low levels of THC metabolite in their urine after consuming buffalo milk. It was found that the buffalo were consuming cannabis sativa (hemp is a variety of cannabis sativa), which grows abundantly among the other indigenous vegetation in Pakistan. It is assumed that the children were passively exposed to THC and/or its metabolite from the buffalo milk. Something similar could easily occur in Texas if hemp was fed to dairy cattle.

Based on the above facts, it is reckless to allow hemp to be used as cattle feed, unless the state prefers to have another crisis on its hands. Further, anecdotally, there is also some evidence from France that points to the possibility that cannabinoids (CBD and THC) contained in hemp can cause birth defects in the form of missing limbs in cattle. Therefore, before such a bill is passed into law, a thorough scientific and non-partisan investigation on the safety of hemp as cattle feed needs to take place first. However, given the numerous negative side-effects listed for both CBD and THC in FDA literature, maybe simply erring on the side of reason and saying “No” to this bill is all that needs to be done by our elected officials!

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