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My name is Phillip Sneed

Henry Ford built an entire car made of Industrial Hemp in 1941 and ran the motor on hemp fuel then we can do a whole lot more now in 2019 than in 1941

To start I would like to point out the fact that the USA is and has been the largest IMPORTER of Industrial Hemp in the world! If we can import it in its raw form there is no reason we should be paying China or Canada or whomever when we can grow it here and keep our money here and build an Industry in Kansas with our money. Again there is no logical reason to pay another country for a commodity that we can grow ourselves.

I'm in the process of retiring as a 21 year RN of Critical Care Nursing. I have lived in Kansas all but 4 yrs when I was in the United States Navy. As a Kansan we all see the state of our states economy. We have some of the best crop land in the nation yet as a state we cannot afford to properly fund our public education system. There are around 30 states that have some form of Industrial hemp program. Kansas should be the next to tap into what many reports show to be a \$200 billion industry in less than ten years.

In the late 1800's Kansas was the leading producer of Industrial hemp in the nation. We should be at the top again. I want to retire as an RN to become a Hemp farmer because its a plant that we know from our own past it grows here like no other plant. I want to help lead Kansas back to a healthy economy and prosperous state.

Hemp has unfortunately been entangled with actual cannabis with THC since 1937. It's like comparing sweet corn to field corn.

The job opportunities and new industries are endless with this plant. Tens of thousands of items can be made from this single harmless plant and grows in a wide variety of soils. I want to be the farmer who provided the hemp to make Hemp plastic bottles that WILL biodegrade in 6 months compared to petroleum made bottles take over 100 years to biodegrade. Given the proper infrastructure in manufacturing of items made from hemp could bring countless jobs and tax money for the state.

Hemp breathes in 4x more the amount of a tree. It aerates the soil and leaves more nutrients in the soil than any crop in Kansas today. It can and will change the economy of a cash strapped state.

Hemp uses a fraction of water no pesticides little to no herbicides which have

already made it to every aquifer in the state using our current crops.
Hemp is a win win for Kansas. We need to heal our soils and do right by the environment in turn we will reap the benefits of such a versatile crop.
This would put a huge dent in the deforesting going on around the nation and as mentioned before saves precious water.

Please look at allowing the little guys like me to be a part in the research and piloting programs so everyone has a chance to take advantage of a crop that can change Kansas and the world.

Sincerely

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