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My name is Trevor Burdett. I am for this bill for many reasons.

First of all, I own several stores that sell CBD oil from Industrial Hemp. These products are made for health and beauty and we have customers from all over the country.

34 states currently have hemp laws for either research or freely to grow. Kansas has some major financial issues due to past leadership and hemp may very well be the answer.

Hemp can be used to make many products. The seed can be used for food, fuel, paint, and cosmetics. The stalk can be used as insulation, concrete, building materials, rope, biofuel, and even clothing.

With the many uses of the product, it would make sense that Kansas farmers would be interested in growing hemp. Not only is it a very inexpensive and low maintenance crop, it also can regenerate soil when used in rotations with other crops. It takes significantly less time to grow for harvest (3-4 months) so therefore farmers can yield much more crops per season for even more Kansas money.

This bill would allow for research of the Hemp plant by state universities. I would urge the committee to look into all of the research that has been done by these same state universities. Kansas State for instance has published research as far back as 1973 about wild hemp that was growing in Riley County fields. The research has been done and Kansas needs to let farmers grow.

I understand SB263 is a research bill. I understand this is not making hemp legal to grow in Kansas. I urge the committee to amend SB263 in 2 ways.

1. If SB 263 stays as a research only bill, then there needs to be an amendment stating that "Kansas Statute 65-4111 Section F Line 3 be removed." This points to cannabidiol being classified as a Schedule 4 Misdemeanor. Since Cannabidiol is a major component of the hemp plant and one of the major reasons to study hemp, this needs to be modified to allow the university students not be charged with misdemeanors.

And

2. I urge the committee to remove the research component and make this plant free to grow in Kansas for all farmers. Give them the ability to grow a crop that people want, need and can use in every aspect of our lives. Let them cycle their fields with a natural soil rejuvenator and let Kansas make the money it needs to fund the important things.

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