



Minorities for Medical Marijuana (M4MM) 2023 Public Policy Focus for Federal Hemp Specific Legislation

Hemp Biofuel - create long term capacity in biofuel production and for the creation of Hemp Biofuel Alternatives programs

On behalf of M4MM, we mutually take a proactive prescriptive approach to creating opportunity within the Commercial Hemp sector. Despite making Hemp legal in the 2018 Farm Bill, the related infrastructure to build a viable Industrial production sector for Commercial and Industrial Hemp products has lagged and stunted American economic growth from this sector. The following three statistics demonstrate the challenge and opportunity for investing in American Industrial Hemp Production capacity:

- (1) As of June 2023, there are only 20 licensed and operational Industrial Hemp Processors in the United States
- (2) The global industrial hemp market size was estimated at USD \$4.74 billion in 2022 and is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 17.1% from 2023 to 2030.
- (3) As of the April 19, 2023, National Hemp Report (by the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Agricultural Statistics Board) in 2022, the value of hemp production in the open and under protection for the United States totaled \$238 million, down 71 percent from 2021.

We recommend the following two legislative and appropriative actions to create investment capital to stabilize the Hemp Cultivator sector and encourage the development of additional Industrial Hemp Processors:

1. **Hemp for American Made Biofuel Production Act** - Adding Hemp to the US Biofuel production programs as a strategy to for increasing Hemp licensed Producers and diversifying our clean energy sources for ethanol/auto fuel, blended biofuel, aviation fuel, home heating, commercial heating and other fuel based applications.
2. Expanding Hemp biofuel production opportunities through incentive and funding mechanisms such as the Title IX, Advanced Biofuel Payment program, The Sustainable Aviation Fuel Grand Challenge and the Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIP).
3. Add increased mandatory and discretionary funding in the 2023 Farm Bill to provide incentives for small fuel producers to purchase Hemp biomass for the creation of Hemp Biofuel Alternatives and to create long term capacity in biofuel production.

Hemp for American Made Biofuel Production Act – to amend Title IX-Energy of the 2023 Farm Bill as follows

TITLE IX—ENERGY

SEC. 9001. DEFINITIONS.

Section 9001 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8101) is amended—

- (1) **in paragraph (3) —**
 - (A) **in subparagraph (B) —**
 - (2) **by inserting after clause (ii) the following:**



“(iii) “biofuel derived from hemp fiber or biomass

SEC. 9003. BIOREFINERY ASSISTANCE.

Section 9003 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 ([7 U.S.C. 8103](#)) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (d)(1)—
 - (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after clause (iii) the following—

“(iv) whether the applicant is proposing to use hemp feedstock in the production of advanced biofuels and advanced biodiesel products;
- (2) in subsection (i)—
 - (A) in paragraph (2) by inserting after clause (B) the following —
 - (C) by investing in Industrial Hemp production of advanced biofuel and advanced biodiesel products including aviation and automotive and other Higher Blends alternatives including grants to licensed Industrial Hemp Processors;

SEC. 9005. BIOENERGY PROGRAM FOR ADVANCED BIOFUELS.

Section 9005 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 ([7 U.S.C. 8105](#)) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (g)—
 - (A) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at the end;
 - (ii) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
 - and
 - (iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(G) \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.”; and
 - (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

SEC. 9006. BIODIESEL FUEL EDUCATION PROGRAM.

Section 9006(d) of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 ([7 U.S.C. 8106\(d\)](#)) is amended to read as follows:

- (1) in subsection (d)— by striking “\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$4,000,000” for each of fiscal years “2019 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

SEC. 9008. BIOMASS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

Section 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 ([7 U.S.C. 8108](#)) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (a)(1)—
 - (A) by inserting “and biobased materials such as bamboo and hemp” after biomass:
- (2) in subsection (e)(3)—
 - (A) in paragraph (B)—
 - (i) in subparagraph (ii), by inserting “and derived from biobased materials (bamboo, hemp, and others)” at the end;
- (3) in subsection (h)(2)—
 - (A) by striking “\$20,000,000” and inserting “\$30,000,000” and by striking “2023” and inserting “2028”