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Submitted to the Committee on Agriculture & Livestock
For HB 2818

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As a stakeholder in the Texas hemp industry and rapidly expanding business, I support HB 2818 for the following reasons:
(1) This bill helps ease concerns regarding current unclear and difficult regulations involved with hemp variety selection and propagation. This is critical to bring Texas to the forefront of the hemp industry and provide an even playing

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Please ignore my previous comment, it was submitted accidentally.

As a Texas hemp industry stakeholder and rapidly expanding business, I support HB 2818 for the following reasons:
(1) Clear regulatory framework: HB 2818 would create a clear regulatory framework for the production of hemp products in Texas. This would provide much-needed clarity and certainty to hemp growers, processors, and retailers, and make it easier for them to comply with state regulations.
(2) Provides clearer framework for testing which is much needed in this industry.
(3) Allows more flexibility with hemp variety selection which will help Texas growers compete on the national stage. This also helps ease some of the problems when working with plant clones and plant propagation.

Thank you for your consideration.