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Submitted to the Committee on State Affairs
For SB 3

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Stephanie Young

Self

Van Alstyne, TX

Let's protect Texas hemp and the freedom to choose natural wellness!

Joseph Duncklee

Myself

Kingwood, TX

Has been great for anxiety

Jade Naaman

Self

Round Rock, TX

Since when are Republicans for BIG government?

Peer-reviewed, scientific studies have shown that THC is neither a gateway drug and THC is SAFER than tobacco and alcohol.

SB-3 as well as HB-28 are misinformed, extremely flawed, and should not see the light of day.

Only things that should happen:

1. Packaging should not be attractive to minors
2. It should be a felony selling to minors
3. Labeling about potential side effects should be required

For the rest of it, we should follow the leads of limited-government States like Wyoming, Georgia and Florida, and stop killing jobs and businesses during a recession.

For more information, also see <https://medium.com/@lifeshortcuts/the-dogmatic-war-on-cannabis-and-federal-law-in-texas-a959fcfb5ba7>

Thank you.

Holly Thompson

Self

Austin, TX

Do NOT destroy our economy and small businesses

Amanda Winford, Ms.

Puff Love Smoke Shop

Denton, TX

Hello, my name is Amanda Winford, and I am proud to be a member of the team at Puff Love Smoke Shop. Today, I express my strong opposition to SB3. It is crucial that I speak out on behalf of the thousands of individuals, including many U.S. veterans, who benefit from hemp products every day.

Hemp is a versatile, non-toxic plant, and the products derived from it offer a range of benefits that simply cannot be overlooked. Hemp products have proven to be a valuable source of relief for many individuals dealing with chronic pain, anxiety, stress, and even sleep disorders. Additionally, U.S. veterans, who often struggle with PTSD, seek relief from these products. Hemp offers a safer alternative to prescription medications that can have harmful and sometimes devastating side effects.

If this bill passes, it would not only limit access to these products but would also result in job losses and significant economic harm. Smoke shops across Texas—small businesses that provide jobs and support local economies—would be forced to shut down, leading to the loss of livelihoods for countless individuals. Moreover, Texas would see a significant loss in tax revenue, as these businesses contribute to the state's economy. The ripple effect would be devastating and hurt not only the employees of these shops but also suppliers, distributors, and the broader community.

The facts are clear: hemp does not pose the dangers that some might claim. These are products that many Texans rely on for their health and well-being. Banning them would not only restrict personal choice but would take away access to a safe, and beneficial resource that so many people depend on.

As someone who works directly in the industry and witnesses firsthand the positive impact these products have on people, I implore lawmakers and citizens alike to consider the science, the facts, and the real-world benefits before making decisions that could harm Texas consumers and the state's economy.

Thank you for your time, and I urge you to stand with me in opposition to this proposed bill.

Julio Mercado

Self

Houston, TX

Get ready for more crime. The numbers speak. This is 2025! To each their own. There are more serious problems out there than this. Regulate it and move on!

There are people who need this medicine. Stop living in the past.

Leslie Gegen

Self

Missouri City, TX

Please don't pass this! I am over 60 and use gummies to help me sleep! Please!

Donna Maniscalco
Self/ Disabled Veteran
Lometa, TX

First the bill SB3 is in direct conflict with the fact that hemp is legal federally. I am a 100 percent disabled veteran with chronic pain, physically disabling me, as well as PTSD, and a seizure disorder. I am currently being treated by the Veterans Administration, and my Doctors are in full support of my treatment with CBD and CBG. The state medical program does not support us and is expensive and contradictory to continuity of care. It is easier to purchase online for delivery. The state medical program limits access to second amendment rights, which my direct ancestors fought for. These limitations prevent law abiding citizens from having life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the freedoms our constitution protects. This bill is a contradiction to our constitutional rights.

Personally, CBD has helped so much that I have not had a seizure in two years. The restrictions would force me to leave my home in Texas and move to gain access to medicine that I require daily, and may be a death sentence if I ignore this. I take safety very seriously, and hope and pray this testimony is taken seriously. Thank you and God bless Texas and the United States of America.

chloe marshall
Self
Denton, TX

strongly oppose. this is the livelihood and wellbeing of so many Texans that will be affected. To support such a bill while there is an active fentanyl and alcohol crisis in the country is just unamerican. This is an industry that can be seen thriving in a multitude of states, providing jobs and legally taxed so as to support better state funding for other infrastructure and industries as well. please hear me when I say this, banning hemp and THC-A products will greatly increase the numbers of illegal and harmful street drug practices that are already in play. Please make a smart choice, one to protect citizens and the interests of We the People.

Kent Mastroianni
Self
McKinney, TX

I encourage the house to vote strongly against the proposed SB 3. Quite literally, it is a step BACKWARDS for Texas and the rights of Texans. Consenting adults should be free to partake in substances that are federally legalized (all hemp and hemp derived products below a threshold of a particular chemical). This bill is both a backwards step, and a boon to the black market. I find it counter intuitive for a border state with a very real problem with cartels to even consider a bill that would enable the black market for marijuana products to thrive. History has taught us quite plainly that laws prohibiting consenting adults from partaking in a substance have failed time and time again. By outlawing products which are currently legal, lawmakers would push everyday consumers towards illicit means of obtaining their desired products, which could potentially expose them to other illicit chemicals, such as the prevalent and dangerous fentanyl. Again, there are many reasons for lawmakers to laugh this bill off the house floor, and I implore you to do just that. Vote NO on SB 3 to show constituents we are not stripping freedoms and moving backwards towards a prohibitive era.

Allison Clarke, Mrs.

Self

Round Rock, TX

Mr Perry,

I do not believe that you understand how much this bill will hurt people. I've worked for a CBD company for roughly two years now and you don't know just how many people come in with pain issues, PTSD, anxiety, etc. When CBD works with THC it creates an entourage effect, which means that said product will be more beneficial for these issues. By outright banning THC, you will be destroying a lot of lives, including veterans. Our medical programs limitations cause these people not either not be able to get medical marijuana OR the dosage is so low that there's no point. A lot of people start to take opioids for their pain, but they come to us to try to get off of them.

We bring in anywhere from \$5-8 billion for the TX economy. I ask that you reconsider your tyrant. I wish you could see how much this plant has helped so many people, including myself. If you are really concerned for the children, then regulate it or legalize it. Banning it just causes those kids to buy off the street, where you really don't know what you're getting and risk getting laced products.

renee dilworth

self

houston, TX

please keep hemp legal

JENNIFER Cain

Self enjoyed in private practice

Pearland, TX

Criminal offense should only be for minors

Jill Martin

Jota Living LLC

Marfa, TX

My Mom was born and raised in Texas, and so I decided to open my first business in Marfa, Texas last year.

My store in Marfa employs 2 people full-time locally as well as our graphic designer in Austin. As you know, good jobs can be difficult to come by in Texas, and I'm proud to support our local community. Over the last year, I've invested about \$300,000 directly into West Texas to open this small business.

The store sells locally-made art and my edibles made with Farm Bill compliant hemp. Our top selling products are my low-dose hemp edibles.

We ID every customer to ensure that only adults buy hemp products. Every batch is third-party lab tested to prove that it does not contain any pesticides, mycotoxins, residual solvents, heavy metals, or microbiological containments. Our manufacturing partner exceeds all requirements for food safety and follows good manufacturing practices.

If SB3 is passed, I will have to close my store in Marfa and move my hemp business to another state. Texas jobs will be lost, and Marfa—a community with about 1,600 residents—will get another empty storefront.

Yogendrakumar Patel

City smoke shop

Argyle, TX

I am in favor of requiring registration, imposing fee , creating criminal offense and providing an administrative penalty also I like to add few more things 1, gas station and convenience store must stop selling any consumables hemp and only sale allow at 21 years and above smoke shop . Need proper id requirements systems at door or entrance at smoke shop entrance . and band all synthetic products. If they want sell thea products that's fine but it's will without synthetic product.

Marcus Bridgeman, Mr

Self

Saginaw, TX

I strongly oppose this bill, I use safe hemp products for chronic pain and anxiety my dad also uses them for sleep I deeply hope the lawmakers also oppose this bill, Texans should be able to use these products as responsible adults.

Lorraine Favila

Self

San Antonio, TX

My name is Lorraine Favila and I live in San Antonio, Texas. I strongly oppose SB 3 and HB 28. These hemp products have helped me and many others manage health conditions safely and legally. Banning them will hurt Texans, destroy small businesses, and push the industry into the black market. We need responsible regulation—not prohibition. Please protect my right to access legal hemp and support small Texas businesses like Hemp Gaia.

My doctor will no longer write me prescription, saying medication has long term side effects. Please do not ban it as we are not criminals. CBD & THC have been helping me with the compassion act.

Alvis Hillman, Mr.

Gillman enterprise inc

Dallas, TX

Sb3 will destroy an industry that Texans have worked so hard to create. It will destroy jobs and make it harder for people to have a natural option for self medication.

Amaury Acevedo Rivera

Self Insurance Agent

Bryan, TX

I do not support SB 3 as it suggest a full ban and Hb 28 is also not a solution since it limits consumer choice. The Texas state senate and the Texas House of Representative are supposed to represent the will of the people and not their own self interest or corporate interest. The majority of people in Texas overwhelmingly support a regulated cannabis market. Our representatives must strike down bills like these that seek to restrict the liberty and freedom of responsible adults. its time for our representatives to listen to the people or we the people need to vote them out until they get the point. VOTE NO no both of these bills.

Justin Sparks

self

Austin, TX

I'm a constituent and I support the legal and safe sale Texas THC and CBD products and strongly oppose this bill and am urging you to vote no.

Robert Waldo

Self

Bedford, TX

I oppose these bills and rely on these products; I will not reelect supporters of SB3 and HB28

Alex Cook
self waiter
Mckinney, TX

I was diagnosed with CTS (carpal tunnel syndrome) when i was 19 i'm currently 22 and the ONLY thing that has helped subdue this pain are hemp products i can purchase at my local smoke shop, without it i would have to go back to my doctor, pay JUST TO SEE HIM, and get a prescription for some bullshit drug that doesn't even work or if it does work it works for a couple weeks at most. Taking this tool away from me would be detrimental to my health and everyday life.

Michael Rodriguez
Self (Digital Marketing)
San Antonio, TX

The legal and safe access to hemp is extremely important, and this bill would be putting that in jeopardy. Hemp can be used for textile uses like clothing, accessories (like bags), and even for rope. It's even been proven to have many health benefits like being a good source of protein, omega-3 fatty acids, fiber, vitamins and minerals (like vitamin E, magnesium, phosphorus, Vitamin B-6, etc.) heart health, and studies have shown to have potential in helping with neurological conditions like Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, etc. Ultimately, we must continue to provide Texans with a local and safe way of accessing hemp instead of possibly putting them in jeopardy because they are forced to get it from somewhere else that may not be as safe. This bill would be impacting the lives and safety of Texans and their access to hemp along with impacting many local and small business who would have no choice but to close due to this bill. I urge you to consider all of the great benefits that are brought to us by the use of hemp/hemp products and the small business that this would be impacting negatively. Texans deserve Hemp!

Eric Thomas
self
San Antonio, TX

I am a veteran and have issues with sleep. I have tried all other options for assisted sleeping, but only hemp products work. Should this bill pass, I will either have to move out of Texas to a state that puts veterans above personal vendettas, because I think this is a personal "I hate all things marijuana" bill or be forced to potentially illegal options. This bill is petty and doesn't even take into consideration the amount of help and wellness that hemp products provide. While the rest of the country is going towards full legalization, Texas is regressing and that isn't a good thing. Please vote no on this bill and let it die, do not revive it next session. God bless the great State of Texas and God bless the United States.

Kris Powell

Self

Austin, TX

To the Members of the Texas House,

My name is Kris Powell, and I am writing to strongly oppose Senate Bill 3 (SB3). I work for two Texas-based businesses — SmokeATX and Marvelous Smoke — which operate legally in the hemp and alternative wellness industry. I'm proud to be part of a company that follows every rule, serves our local community, and provides stable jobs in an industry that has brought opportunity and growth to this state.

SB3 is a direct threat to my job and the livelihoods of many Texans. This bill proposes overly broad and restrictive regulations on hemp-derived products that are already legal under both the 2018 Federal Farm Bill and current Texas law. These are not unregulated or unsafe products — they are tested, labeled, sold only to adults, and monitored under the law as it stands today. SB3 threatens to undo all of that with unclear language, sudden limitations, and rules that could wipe out entire shelves of compliant products.

As someone who works face-to-face with customers every day, I see the benefit these products bring to people's lives. We don't sell to children, we don't sell unsafe goods, and we don't take shortcuts. If SB3 passes, many of us will be out of work — not because we broke any laws, but because the law suddenly changed the rules on legal, hard-working businesses.

Small businesses like SmokeATX and Marvelous Smoke are the backbone of Texas retail. We create jobs, pay taxes, support families, and follow the rules. SB3 would punish us for doing everything right.

Please vote no on SB3. This bill threatens my job, our customers, and a responsible industry that has followed the law from the start.

Respectfully,

Kris Powell

Employee, SmokeATX & Marvelous Smoke

ASIF JUMMA

Self

Carrollton, TX

I oppose those bills and rely on hemp products

Will Gimmler

self

Aubrey, TX

voting against sb3.

Christina Cowman

512 Vape

Lampasas, TX

This makes so much revenue, why take it away? Plus it helps me with my medical condition and eases my migraines. I deeply benefit from delta products.

Gaylynn Clevenger

Gaylynn Clevenger

WIMBERLEY, TX

Please consider the many benefits of plant based medicine. Texas deserve access to these products.

LEONARD RICE

Self Retired

Austin, TX

Vote For

Steven Gassenberger

Reason Foundation

HOUSTON, TX

Dear Chairman King and members of the State Affairs Committee,

Thank you for accepting these comments and making them part of the public record.

Reason Foundation urges the committee to reject SB 3 in its current form. While the intent of protecting consumers is commendable, the bill's provisions would inadvertently harm those who rely on hemp products for therapeutic benefits, as well as other hemp consumers in state.

Instead of outright prohibition, we urge members to develop a more balanced regulatory framework from hemp products.

Specifically, we recommend that the committee substitute the language of SB 3 with provisions that directly addresses the concerns raised industry and non-industry stakeholders and watchdogs. Among other changes, this should include:

- Replacing SB 3's arbitrary 0.0001% THC limit with science-based thresholds. We recommend that intoxicating hemp products be defined as "any finished product cultivated, derived, or manufactured from hemp or hemp materials that contains a total THC concentration of greater than 0.5 milligrams per serving AND greater than 2.5 milligrams per package, OR which exceeds the ratio limitation of nonintoxicating cannabinoids to intoxicating cannabinoids (15:1 CBD:THC)." This would allow the state to institute appropriate controls on intoxicating products while preserving access to non-intoxicating products;
- Imposing mandatory testing, child-resistant packaging, and labeling requirements to ensure product integrity—addressing SB 3's safety goals without banning entire product categories;
- Enforcing strict age verification (21+) and retail licensing, mirroring SB 3's intent but through enforceable regulation rather than ineffective prohibition;
- Protecting patients by allowing less restrictive retail sales of therapeutic, non-intoxicating products (e.g., high-CBD/low-THC formulations) that SB 3 would criminalize;
- Safeguarding Texas' growing hemp industry and the jobs it supports by creating a permitted, taxed market—avoiding SB 3's economic collateral damage; and
- Aligning Texas hemp law with federal law (0.3% delta-9 THC standard) to avoid the dormant commerce clause risks posed by SB 3's extreme divergence from national norms.

Such an approach would allow Texas to maintain oversight of the hemp market, enforce standards that safeguard consumer welfare, promote responsible access to products, and prevent the proliferation of unregulated and potentially harmful markets or products.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reason Foundation

Ariana Ortiz

Self

Houston, TX

If Texas lawmakers truly care about public health and protecting children, they should focus on real threats like school shootings; not banning a legal, regulated industry that benefits millions. The hemp market contributes billions to the state's economy, provides thousands of jobs, and offers relief to people suffering from pain, anxiety, and other conditions. Wiping it out won't make Texas safer; it will only push products into an unregulated black market, waste law enforcement resources, and strip Texans of personal freedom. If lawmakers can act quickly to ban hemp gummies, why can't they show the same urgency in passing laws to keep kids from being shot in their classrooms? Do y'all not care enough? The hypocrisy is staggering. Texas claims to be a state that values freedom, yet its leaders are more interested in controlling what responsible adults consume than addressing real dangers. Christ taught us to love and care for our neighbors, not control them for the sake of political agendas. Being in office used to mean something. It required leadership, intelligence, and the ability to prioritize what truly matters. Now, it seems like they'll let anyone in. If lawmakers want to be taken seriously, they should prove it by tackling real issues instead of pushing political theater.

Teresa O'Kelley

Self / claim adjuster

San Antonio, TX

Members of the house, thank you for your time. I am against the criminalization of consumable hemp products and the hemp-derived cannabinoids contained in these products. As a state, we continue to allow alcohol consumption without penalty. I have personally seen people's health and safety in serious jeopardy due to alcohol versus hemp products. I have also seen several people benefit from the use of hemp-derived cannabinoids for a variety of ailments, both mental and physical. While my testimony is not meant to demonize alcohol availability and use, it is meant to bring awareness to greater threats to our society than cannabinoids. Any substance can be abused, however, there are very few adverse outcomes with hemp products. By keeping the products legal and available, it lowers crime and frees up our resources to attack real crimes. It also gives the state another form of tax revenue. We already have serious taxes on tobacco and alcohol, and that does not dissuade or reduce the intake or use. Thank you for your consideration of my input.

Victoria Pennock

Self

Austin, TX

I am in my 12th year of Menopause. I depend on hemp derived cannabinoids to manage my horrible menopause symptoms. Without it, I wouldn't be able to get quality sleep so I can function properly at work and earn a living. It ain't cheap to live in Austin, TX. This is all after trying almost every menopause drug out there. It works to get me to sleep and STAY asleep without any side effects the next morning.

Jacob Warner

Self

San antonio, TX

I am against sb3. As an adult i should be able to make the choice to consume thc responsibly. I have friends and family that have benifited from thc and i have also seen the damages alcohol does, but yet that is still legal. There are places the sell alcohol by schools, but yet nothing is said. Banning thc will not make it harder for minors to get thier hands on. Also banning it would hand the market back over to the cartel and blackmarket, which is 100% unregulated. I am for regulating thc as they do alcohol, but not an outright ban. If i can make the choice to have a drink, then i should have the same choice to consume thc. Most adults use thc responsibly, unlike alcohol. The canninis market in texas is a billion dollat market. The tax benifits alone could pay for so much, like education, mental health, and even our horrible roads.

Bria Pulliam

Self

Plano, TX

This bill does not reflect the values or priorities of our community, and I believe it will have harmful consequences. I urge you to stand against SB 3 and instead focus on legislation that protects individual rights, supports our educators, and ensures all Texans are treated fairly and with dignity.

Janet Edwards

Self

Keller, TX

To The Honorable Charles Perry:

Please reconsider the ban on consumables and broad-spectrum hemp products. I am a 5-year breast cancer survivor and over the last 5 years, I have endured 4 surgeries for which strong opioids were prescribed for pain. I took them for only about 24 hours after surgery then I switched to Delta 9 hemp derived consumables. With all of the addiction issues with prescription opioids, I opted for this approach to avoid the possibility of addiction. It worked well for me. If that option had not been available and I took all the opioids that were prescribed during this period, I would probably have become a prescription drug addict. Before proceeding with this plan, I asked every doctor and anesthesiologist about this approach and every single one stated they believed this was a safer and effective approach. Please do not take this option away from the citizens of Texas.

In addition, I recently returned from multiple trips to The Mayo Clinic. There is another cannabinoid that, despite its name (THC-V), does not contain the psychotropic agent, THC. It is known to be effective for increased concentration and weight loss. Some are taking this instead of Ritalin or Adderall for ADHD and others for weight loss. While at the Mayo Clinic, I bought THC-V to aid in weight loss recommended by my endocrinologist.

Please consider these circumstances very carefully before moving forward with any legislation that would ban consumables and broad-spectrum hemp products. If you have any questions or wish to speak with me, please feel free to call me for further details.

Best regards,

Janet Edwards

817-456-4162

Carolyn Schreibvogel

Self

Leander, TX

The only way to control THC use in Texas is to legalize it, put your restrictions in place with that, get marijuana off the black market, then enforce your regulations, make revenue for the state, quit filling prisons with that regulation. Let Texas be progressive and intelligent about governing its place... making it harder isn't going to fix what is terribly wrong with its use, marijuana is medicinal for a lot of people and should be treated in a more grown up manner. If you want to gain control of its use do it in a productive way.

Jonathan Saenz

Self

Fort Worth, TX

As a veteran it helps me more then the pills and the bottle.

Charles Hodges

Self

Grand Prairie, TX

STOP. Texas citizens are tired of you blocking adult use marijuana.

LEGALIZE adult use marijuana.

More than 60% of Texas citizens are for LEGALIZING adult use marijuana.

STOP blocking that.

Pedro Jimenez

Self

Harlingen, TX

I am writing to urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3 and HB 28, which proposes a full ban on legal hemp-derived THC products in Texas. This legislation would represent significant government overreach, jeopardizing tens of thousands of jobs and harming an industry that contributes over \$8 billion annually to the Texas economy. The bill would also have numerous, adverse societal implications, if it became law.

The hemp industry currently supports more than 50,000 jobs across various sectors, including agriculture, retail, and manufacturing. A full ban is not conservative policy but infringes on individual liberties by stripping Texans of a lawful product they rely on for pain relief, sleep, and stress management. It would also push consumers toward unregulated, potentially dangerous black markets. Hemp is already a federally and state-regulated product, with robust safety standards in place to ensure quality and protect consumers.

While we support efforts to keep hemp products away from minors, we believe a sweeping ban is not the solution. Instead, we support enacting additional safety standards to protect children, such as limiting sales to individuals 21 and older, implementing child-resistant packaging, and restricting sales near schools.

The Texas hemp industry has a multiplier effect—every \$1 spent on hemp products generates an additional \$2.80 for the local economy. Banning these products would negatively impact the economy and harm the livelihoods of Texans who rely on this industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust you will stand with Texans in opposing this harmful legislation.

Loretta Dillard

Self

Colleyville, TX

The Texas hemp industry drives \$10.2 bil in annual economic impact, supports 53,000+ jobs, generates \$2.1 bil in wages, & contributes \$267mil in tax revenue. For every \$1 spent, \$2.80 is reinvested into the economy.

On top of these facts, natural hemp (in the form of pain creams, gummies, consumables, etc) is a holistic alternative to many pharmaceuticals with their own risks & side effects, and this medicine should be accessible. Legal hemp products helped me personally through a spinal injury without relying on addictive opioids, helped to manage my anxiety and treat chronic pain & inflammation naturally during the peak of my injury when nothing else worked besides powerful painkillers, which I chose not to use. For the sake of medical patients, especially our veterans struggling with chronic pain, PTSD, anxiety, depression, etc, please don't remove this incredibly healing medicine from the public.

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Jason Martinez, Owner

Self

Houston, TX

This bill is an absolute destroyer of future jobs and economic growth. It's painfully obvious what's happening here. Under President Trump's last administration, this industry was legitimized, providing opportunity, entrepreneurship, and jobs for thousands of Americans. Now, we're watching as those very opportunities are being stripped away.

As a business owner who has spent the last eight years building in this space, I find it deeply frustrating and confusing that lawmakers can't see this for what it is—a targeted effort to dismantle an entire industry. We're not the problem. In all my years, I have never sold to a minor, nor have I seen legitimate smoke shops do so. If underage sales are happening, it's on the streets, in the illegal market—and that's exactly who will benefit if this bill passes.

This is not just bad policy; it's a slap in the face to law-abiding business owners and workers who followed the rules, invested in their communities, and helped grow a legitimate market. If we really care about safety, jobs, and the economy, this bill should be opposed.

Esteban Gauna

Self/Petroleum Accountant

Houston, TX

I submit this letter in strong opposition to SB3. The legalization of cannabis presents a significant opportunity to reduce crime and generate substantial revenue for the state.

Lela Koiner

self - marijuana packaging warehouse

Pflugerville, TX

I am commenting that I strongly oppose SB3. I have been chronically ill my whole life, and cannabis/THC is my primary medication right now for my hEDS, POTS, and long-covid; it makes me so holistically well. After trying it for the first time, it felt like a miracle; I felt like I could finally reclaim my life back. I no longer have seizures, have significantly lessened motor tics, my elimination system has significantly improved, my reproductive health has improved, I need mobility aids less and less, my lungs don't struggle at the same rate, my heart has appropriate bloodflow, my arthritis and fibromyalgia has bettered, my mental health has never been better, my social life has improved, I was finally able to gain employment, and I was able to go back to college. Before, I suffered constantly, felt chronically depressively hopeless, and like I had no future. But now, pain and dysfunction no longer rule my life.

Additionally, it's not just my health and life at risk if this bill comes to pass. It's also my profession. Disabled people face discrimination and difficulty regarding finding and maintaining employment, however, I was able to find a wonderful job at a marijuana packaging warehouse. It's an accommodating job with good and hardworking people, I feel incredibly lucky to have landed the position. However, if this legislature passes, they will likely have to close-down shop and I will be once again unemployed.

If you claim to care about the people of Texas - about people like me - please do not let this bill pass. It's created so many businesses that have been wonderful for the local economy, and it's helped people like me be abled enough to engage in it and help support it. Please do not pass SB3.

Rebekah Eufracio

Self

Austin, TX

Strongly oppose this bill that will not stop people from purchasing hemp products elsewhere & will hurt Texas Economy, Texas Small business & Texans needing this miracle plant.

Chloe Bethards

The House of Hemo

Corp Christi, TX

I am against this ! It will ruin so many jobs and opportunities. However, I am totally for regulating it better! Please re write and make another bill, don't completely take it all away. I've been a manager and working in the Hemp industry for over five years. I'm 23 years old and I can honestly say it has saved my life. And so many other, so many of my customers come to me crying because of how it's helped them live their lives easier. Not all smoke shops are the same. I try my best not to sell any of the synthetic types of THC and just stick to all the natural ones to help my customers. I agree that all this strong types of THC shouldn't be here, but I don't agree that it all should be taken away.

Alma Garcia
self
San Benito, TX

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Kenny Girchenko
Baytown kish
Baytown, TX

Texas will benefit from all the economic growth and will in the least give the people of Texas an opportunity at creating a new world of prosperity. Many churches ,organization will benefit tremendously. Job growth, future opportunities for small business owners. Cannabis has NEVER killed anyone.

Ronny George
Self
Houston, TX

I strongly oppose.

Krystle Gonzalez, Mrs
My Husband
San Antonio, TX

Hi am Krystle Gonzalez the 41 year old Wife to Arturo Gonzalez, I want to Testify against the SB3 because Hemp has Been a great blessing to My Family especially my Husband, See he was Diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes 8years ago, And he was put on so many Different medications and being that he didn't have health insurance at the time we looked for Discount clinics to be able to purchase them, well it became a bit tricky because the funds had run out so we were needing to Pay out of pocket, then he stopped taking them because it was hard to buy which in long run ended having him get insulin years later we'll in 2018 we tried cbd tinctures and then found cbd flower all local in San Antonio tx and fast forward to using cbd and also THCA he is now Insulin free for exactly 1 year and his blood work A1C is Considered controlled Diabetic. His Dr asked what had he done he told him Hemp I use it daily the Dr.s words " well sir Mijo keep doing what your doing your blood work is good In all aspects. So I'm here to say I am against SB3 PLEASE.KEEP HEMP.LEGAL FOR US FAMILY MEMBERS THAT BENEFITS FROM.IT

Molly Bond

Self, graphic designer

San Antonio, TX

I am writing to say that I oppose SB 3. These businesses were created legally, consumers/patients are now accustomed to effective anxiety relief, pain relief, are able to sleep without taking pills, and so many other benefits. Many people finally have found safe relief from debilitating health problems, and there are more trustworthy hemp businesses than untrustworthy ones. I fully support regulation, and I fully support keeping the reputable hemp businesses in business. Please make hemp products with THC both AVAILABLE and SAFE for Texans.

Carlos Sanchez

Self, construction worker

Cleveland, TX

Dear Committee Members,

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 3, which seeks to ban hemp-derived products like THCA. I have used cannabis since I was 18 to manage anxiety, depression, and OCD, and it has been essential for my mental health. Instead of an outright ban, I support implementing age restrictions and child safety measures. These regulations would protect vulnerable populations while allowing adults like me to continue benefiting from hemp products.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carlos Sanchez

Jimmie Draper

self

San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose Texas Senate Bill 3 due to its devastating impact on the state's cannabis and hemp industries. This bill offers no benefits and would destroy a thriving sector, leaving thousands of Texans unemployed and pushing consumers to illegal, unregulated markets.

The hemp and cannabis industries have become vital contributors to Texas' economy, creating jobs and generating significant tax revenue. Senate Bill 3 threatens this growth by imposing unnecessary regulations that will cripple businesses and lead to widespread job losses in cultivation, production, and retail. The bill undermines years of progress, jeopardizing jobs and tax income that support public services like education and healthcare.

Furthermore, SB 3 would severely restrict consumer access to safe, legal cannabis products. By driving consumers away from the legal market, the bill forces them to seek untested, unsafe black-market products. Legal cannabis is tested for quality and safety, providing consumers with regulated options that protect their health. SB 3 eliminates these protections, increasing public health risks.

Texas farmers and small business owners have invested heavily in the hemp industry, building successful ventures with the expectation that hemp would remain legal and viable. SB 3 threatens to wipe out these investments, stifling innovation and preventing Texas from becoming a leader in the global hemp market.

Polling consistently shows that Texans support cannabis legalization, yet SB 3 disregards the will of the people, alienating voters and eroding trust in the legislative process. The bill is an overreach that undermines personal freedom and harms public health, all without offering any clear benefits.

In conclusion, Senate Bill 3 would destroy jobs, harm consumers, and cripple an entire industry. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and instead support policies that foster a safe, legal, and thriving cannabis and hemp market in Texas.

Jeremy Springfield

Self

Poolville, TX

Banning hemp-based THC products is a move disregarding the plight of millions of Texans who find relief from myriads of ailments that pharmaceutical options simply do not alleviate. Not every person's system reacts identically to pharmaceutical medicine, and many have despaired in what is available in that area but have found some measure of efficacy for their symptoms by using hemp-based THC responsibly. To deny the public access to it is a callous and ultimately ignorant move that should not be made by politicians who are not properly educated of the complexity of benefits that come with access to hemp-based THC products.

The witness of many states who allow this product within their borders should be given serious consideration that Texas can likewise continue to allow its presence here without significant concern. Texas can lead responsibly among the other states in the Union in this area instead of cowering in fear of a substance that is widely used for positive personal purposes.

Official continued support of this bill by those in the Texas government will be clear evidence that the individuals doing so are profoundly unfit for public service and therefore proper political action will be undertaken to remove them in order to be replaced by brave men and women who fight for the rights of Texans whom they represent, rather than against the well-being of millions who are earnestly seeking relief from suffering in areas pharmaceutical simply fail to provide.

Listen to the voices of Texans who ask for reason and freedom to be championed in this matter rather than bending the knee to misguided individuals in high places, and make the right decision that takes the guts that only true Texans are willing to show.

Brianna Rodriguez

Myself, Redbird Hemp Dispensary

TEMPLE, TX

I, like many other Texans have a backstory relating to hemp. About three years ago, I had to move back home. I was taking medications for anxiety and depression and found myself too depressed to continue schooling, much less getting and keeping a job. Shortly after, I broke my ankle. I don't have health insurance and was deathly afraid of going into further debt even though I couldn't even work. Hemp products not only helped me manage my pain long enough to teach myself how to walk, my local shop educated me on why they help and even gave me a job. I was also able to drop my anxiety medication in favor of hemp.

I also have a sleep disorder which makes staying awake during the day extremely difficult. Being able to go into a shop and choose products that not only help me stay awake, but boost my creativity and work ethic, was a game changer for me. I started working with the shop that educated me and now I wake up for work every day excited to do my job and try and help others the same way this plant helped me. I have a chance at being a functional person with a job, a savings, and I feel like I owe it all to this industry.

My job with Redbird includes managing every certificate of analysis for every product in the store. We don't want unsafe products in the hands of our customers either. We age gate at the door and even check ID both upon entry and at the register. Every day we see a wide array of customers including the elderly, veterans, and people you wouldn't otherwise expect to be in a Hemp shop. My heart hurts to think of them being driven to the black market to get their relief if these products become criminalized.

I limped into Redbird Hemp and they literally and figuratively got me on my feet. This bill does nothing but harm the actual good actors that help their customers and their communities. Give us regulations, help us rid the industry of bad actors, but don't ban it.

Matthew Madison, Laboratory Director

ECL Testing

Oakwood, TX

Thank you for introducing this bill. I have been reaching out to the governor's office, Dept. of Ag, and DHHS for almost 4 years to understand why the state is letting people sell drug cannabis illegally, under the guise of being hemp. So, what do you plan to do about all of the applicants last year who paid almost \$8K each for the opportunity to open a medical dispensary...(that can't sell real weed, which is the reason "hemp thca" has flooded the state bc no one wants the TCUP crap)?? Also, 6 dispensaries for a state this big screams CORRUPTION! Segue - The nerve of the Deputy of Forensic Crime Labs to say that 17,000 samples have been outsourced outside of the state, when our lab has experience testing cannabis since 2011 and is licensed by the state, ISO accredited, and DEA Registration (pending) and we have rarely seen any samples come our way! Smells like corruption, just like "in-house testing" and "self-regulation!" At bare minimum, we can process 100 samples per day with ease and find the claims of it being "expensive" or "difficult" to test samples to be blatant lies, or incompetence on the part of those making such claims. It was appalling to hear someone say that they are on track to make over \$1MM this year and that 40% of their products sold are potent gummies and 40% flower (illegal weed being called THCA). The only difference between these people and drug dealers in the state with families, is that the drug dealers aren't claiming to be family owned businesses! The Farm Bill never legalized cannabis and THCA is a cannabinoid, not a type of cannabis. THCA is a cannabinoid that is always precursor to ^9 thc and that always occurs in the plant while it is growing and while it is fresh, not dry. THCA (thc acid) does not exist in completely dry cannabis as acids are water soluble and once the plant is completely dry they are converted to neutral cannabinoids, i.e. ^9 thc. The IRONY here is that you're trying to BAN something that is ALREADY ILLEGAL! All laws regarding hemp and cannabis have ALWAYS stated that it must be tested on a dry weight basis and that means that when THCA is present there must be Total THC reported as well, which accounts for the dry weight conversion of THCA to ^9 thc. All ISO accredited labs report these values. The formula is ^9 thc observed + THCA x 0.877 = total thc. All "thca" flower in Texas is the same weed found in any medical or recreational state and is absolutely not hemp. This "\$8 billion industry" is nothing but a front for recreational cannabis and that's what everyone is growing and why a certain cultivator in Dallas (who testified earlier) has a two-story indoor hydroponic "hemp THCA" grow and why all the potheads and "hemp" dealers came to testify today. It's a shame. All said, I am highly in favor of HB 28 as it's a major step in the right direction. You need to include CBN. It is just as common as CBG and almost non-psychoactive. THC and its isomers are all that need be regulated.

Micah Germany

Canna Republic LLC- Owner/Founder

Kingwood, TX

I 100 percent oppose the SB3 bill! My name is Micah Germany, owner of Canna Republic LLC in the great state of Texas. Let me just say and excuse me for being brash but this bill is absolute BS! Majority of Texans are oppose of a full ban so the big pharma (trulieve, sunburn, etc) can monopolize a market while killing the hemp market. Texas is better then this. We're advancing forward as a society and this bill only sets us back in the stone ages. How asinine is it for Texas legislature that is willing to kill almost 60k jobs, a 8 billion dollar industry, and destroy lives and the trust of your fellow Texans. Ive been in Texas all my life, my family finally found a federally legal crop for our small farm and Senators and Lt. governors are trying to destroy it. I will not lie down or go quietly. We know Big Corporations lobbied 1.8 million dollars to campaign funds (which is not legal) but does sway politicians to vote certain ways (Texans arent stupid). Lets cut the BS, this industry alone in tax revenues could fund SB22. Texans want hemp and hemp derived products in Texas.

Dallas Flanagan

Self

GRAND PRAIRIE, TX

I oppose SB3 that will hurt the state of Texas instead of helping.

Kimberly Tienda
Myself
Lewisville, TX

We must shift our focus to screening users through comprehensive records assessments, thorough medical evaluations, and in-depth parole review prioritizing effective risk management over unnecessary restrictions on relief. Consider this: alcohol is responsible for far more fatalities; why not confront that issue directly? Texans deserve intelligent and effective safety laws that genuinely protect and serve our communities.

It's important to recognize that many Texans, regardless of political affiliation, find both solace and relief in THC and CBD, which are significantly safer alternatives to alcohol. Research consistently shows that individuals who use marijuana are less likely to engage in criminal behavior. Instead of imposing strict regulations on marijuana, we should reevaluate our approach to alcohol, potentially implementing more stringent regulations akin to those governing firearms.

Our ultimate goal should be to prioritize public health and safety, and reforming these laws is a crucial step towards realizing that vision. By doing so, we can foster a safer, healthier community for all Texans.

Elizabeth Morales
Self - caregiver
San Angelo, TX

I oppose this bill. Hemp products are completely natural and safe for adult use. Children can't enter the shops. Keep Texan money and taxes in Texas. No to SB 3!

Joshua Luevanos
Self
Richmond, TX

I oppose SB 3

I, Joshua Luevanos, oppose these bills that the Texas senate and Lt. governor Dan Patrick have proposed, I am a manager for a high end smoke and vape shop business. Not only will these bills rid any THC/Delta products from the Texas market, but it will eliminate the following-

THC in any dose for recreational and therapeutic uses ranging from back pain to mental health.

CBD will be eliminated from the market as well due to the bill's technical limitations.

Billions of dollars in revenue and over 50,000 jobs across Texas will be gone.

Millions of dollars in tax revenue will be gone and effecting the economy negatively.

The bill will also put more power in the hands of illegal street vendors and a spike in crime.

Alcohol and hard drug consumption will most likely sky rocket due to the ban of hemp derived THC.

As a resident of Texas and a citizen of the United States of America I believe in free market enterprise, freedom of adult choices, a booming job market, and most of all the right for me and thousands upon thousands of Texas citizens to have the choice to choose to use these products

Please vote no for these bills, thank you

Warner Bryant

Self

Austin, TX

This bill is absurd. Prohibition and the war on drugs did nothing but cause criminals to thrive plus increase violence. This seems to be a bill that aims to take away freedom of choice for Texans because of some people's belief about morality. The people, including the Lt. Governor, speaking in favor of this bill are either preaching morality or saying incorrect facts to justify it. If anything we see other states treat Cannabis and THC the same as alcohol and Nicotine benefit from less money wasted on prosecuting and jailing offenders plus as a non contraband item the revenue from its production, and sales go into our economy and not the funding of criminal enterprises. Please do not pass such a bill.

William Teague

Myself

Weatherford, TX

I am writing to strongly urge you to reject Senate Bill 3 (SB 3), which would effectively ban consumable hemp products in Texas. As a Texan who relies on hemp to manage chronic pain and sleep issues, this bill would directly harm my quality of life—and that of my mother, who also depends on these products for the same reasons. For us, hemp is not a recreational product; it is a safe, natural solution that helps us live better every day.

Hemp-derived products have been a lifeline for my mom and me. They provide relief from pain that allows us to stay active and help us sleep when rest feels impossible. Unlike pharmaceuticals, which often come with harsh side effects, hemp has offered us a gentle, effective alternative. If SB 3 passes, we would lose access to this vital resource, forcing us to either turn to more expensive and less accessible options—like the limited Compassionate Use Program—or risk seeking unregulated alternatives. This is not a choice we should have to make.

Beyond my personal story, SB 3 threatens to devastate a thriving industry that supports tens of thousands of jobs and contributes billions to Texas's economy. The hemp market has grown responsibly since its legalization in 2019, providing safe, regulated products to consumers who need them. While I understand the concerns about youth access and product safety, a total ban is not the answer. Instead, the House should consider sensible regulations—like age restrictions, child-resistant packaging, and stricter testing—to address these issues without destroying an industry and harming people like me and my mom.

I also worry about the broader impact of this bill. Veterans, seniors, and countless others across Texas use hemp to manage conditions like PTSD, anxiety, and chronic pain. Banning these products could push consumers toward the black market, where there's no oversight, making the very problems SB 3 aims to solve even worse. The House has an opportunity to take a more balanced approach, as proposed in House Bill 28, which would strengthen oversight without eliminating access to hemp products altogether.

Please, do not let SB 3 pass. Protect the health and livelihoods of Texans who rely on hemp, and support an industry that benefits our state. I ask you to reject this bill and instead work toward fair regulations that keep hemp safe and accessible for those who need it most.

Carolina Mejia

Self

Houston, TX

Please vote no! This bill is deadly dangerous and only benefits a few people.

Gerald Klein

Me and the citizens of Texas

Cedar Hill, TX

I am writing in my opposition to SB3. It is destructive and reckless to destroy a entire useful business. It needs to be regulated, yes, but not destroyed. Too many people do NOT qualify for the too expensive and limited TCUP program. Please, do not fill the pockets of lobbest! Do not help them kill a good for texas industry. Stop this bad bill, and don't feed the cartel and revitalize the black market. Amend it so it is useful with common sence regulation.

Sara Mallory

Self

Leander, TX

Hello, I am a 38 year old ADHD person that uses hemp & hemp derived cannabinoids. I would like to encourage you to vote NO on SB3. I am also a recovering opioid addict. The hemp industry in Texas is not only an 8 billion dollar a year industry but it helps so many of your fellow Texans. I have inflammation as well. Safe & certified hemp products have allowed me to assist in my emotional regulation & my overall health. So many people depend on this medicinal plant to improve their quality of life. I'm just one out of thousands. We have seen that bans don't work (Roe v. Wade overturned & Texas women dying). Banning THC forces Texans to the black market for product laced with who knows what. Banning this medicinal plant, especially without understanding, is 50 years of backtracking & not in your constituents best interest. It will demolish a market that not only brings much revenue the state needs but kills jobs. When did Texas get in the business of working against it's people? Please, vote No on SB3.

Demi Ramos

Willie's CBD Shop/ Self

Waco, TX

I oppose SB3. I could care less about the money. I care for my customers whom without Hemp products will be devastated mentally and physically.

William Mudd

Myself

Buda, TX

I strongly oppose this SB 3. THCA is legal under the federal law. Instead of fighting it let's use it to make our great state more tax money. I absolutely hate comparing hemp to alcohol because it isn't a toxic substance that was created to poison your body to catch a buzz or high. It is a naturally accruing plant that helps people with many different elements. As someone who deals with ADHD very heavily hemp has helped me not use harmful prescriptions like Adderall. I hope and pray for the many other Texans that this bill is not passed. It will only create MORE problems for Texas and more wasted tax dollars. Brings it is federally legal it won't be illegal to have products shipped directly to your house as many already do. It does not make sense to jail innocent people over a plant. When I lived in Colorado I worked in the legal cannabis industry I saw the good it will and can do for people. Thank you for hearing us.

Frederika Easley

Minority Cannabis Business Association

Austin, TX

In support of small hemp business owners in the state of Texas who employ more than 50,000 workers and who represent more than a \$5 billion economic impact the Minority Cannabis Business Association speaks in opposition to SB 3. We understand and share sentiments of wanting to protect children and get rid of harmful products but this is not the way. This bill will actually push consumers and entrepreneurs back into the illicit market where we truly have no control over testing and safety. Texas' hemp industry represented what could be. How an accessible market built on true free market principles can flourish. Let's move forward in that spirit and strengthen the house that has been built.

The Minority Cannabis Business Association (MCBA) is the oldest national trade association dedicated to advancing minority participation and ownership in the cannabis industry. Our organization represents a powerful coalition of minority cannabis businesses, aspiring entrepreneurs, and allies united by a shared vision of building an equitable and responsible cannabis industry.

Jason Hoekstra
self - software manager
Austin, TX

Please don't pass this bill. I suffer from PTSD, and Texas cannabis helps me survive my condition and function in the world. Pharmaceuticals have done me wrong in the past and delivered more negative effects than benefits. While I am a member of the CUPS program, also the forms of cannabis available at stores, works better than what's available at dispensaries, and at a lower cost. I am a dad, I am a soccer coach, I am a professional at a top national firm based in Texas. Keep cannabis away from kids and those under 21, but please don't pass this bill which will affect many Texans which seek relief as well as many small businesses throughout the state.

Jacob Trevino
Chef
San Antonio, TX

My family and I strongly oppose SB 3. Please do not vote on this it will do more harm than good for too many hard working Texans please and thank you for listening

Adjwoa hogue
Self
Dallas, TX

As a former cannabis student and a proud advocate for the legal hemp and CBD industry in Texas, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3.

This bill threatens not only the livelihoods of thousands of hardworking Texans but also the progress our state has made in embracing the economic and medicinal benefits of hemp and CBD. Legal hemp-derived products have created safe alternatives for those managing chronic pain, anxiety, PTSD, and other health challenges. Many Texans—including veterans, the elderly, and working families—have found relief and healing through these natural options.

This industry has also created thousands of jobs across Texas, from farmers and processors to small business owners and retail employees. Penalizing or fining these businesses will not stop demand—it will only push consumers toward the unregulated underground market, where there are no safety standards, testing protocols, or consumer protections.

SB3 threatens innovation, personal freedom, and the ability of responsible Texans to access wellness tools that work for them. I urge you to oppose this bill and instead support policies that protect public safety while promoting economic opportunity, health, and personal choice.

Let's not take Texas backward—let's build a future where legal cannabis and hemp can continue to grow, responsibly and sustainably.

Remingtyn Russell
Self/Bartender
San Antonio, TX

As a citizen of the United States and someone who has lived in Texas their entire life, I oppose this bill. The hemp industry has been providing consumers safe, natural relief from symptoms caused by ailments. If the people of Texas who have relied on these products for years can no longer legally purchase them, they will be left no other option than to resort to illegally acquiring the products (from street dealers, untaxed and unregulated), or seeking out harmful solutions for their symptoms (addictive opioids, alcohol). Our history has shown us that prohibiting access to a product does not eliminate the user's acquiring of it. There are no proven deaths by hemp, compared to the booming alcohol industry that boasts hundreds of thousands of alcohol consumption-related deaths yearly. Along with that, many hemp businesses have been founded and thrived in recent years, providing many jobs and paying taxes like any other business. The bill proposed unfairly demonizes the hemp industry, showing a lack of understanding of the product. Allowing the hemp industry to continue to serve our great state would show a step forward in safe and healthy relief of these ailments, while also allowing these businesses to grow and continue to contribute to the economy.

Elizabeth Renfroe

Self

Georgetown, TX

I would like to thank you for reading my comment concerning SB3.

I oppose this bill not only because it would eliminate a safe alternative to pharmaceutical poison. I like countless other Texans use hemp-derived products to alleviate several illnesses. Prohibition has proven to fail on more than one occasion. Please stand up for Texans. Thank you.

Kathleen Cerasoli

Self Wellness Store Owner

Leander, TX

We need the right regulation.

This bill is not that.

HB28 is an alcohol monopoly in disguise & will kill an industry providing enormous value to constituents who want it to exist- as shown by the proliferation of the market. SB3 is poorly written & also a killer.

We aren't unregulated as claimed.

DSHS requires hemp registration, fees for registration, testing, inspections, availability of testing results, FDA food standards for production & more. State law also requires potency testing & proof of testing be provided to consumers & public access in the form of a COA.

Enforcement of current regulation vs outright bans is the answer. In addition to current laws, our industry is strongly committed to public safety including product testing, safety, age restrictions, & child proof packaging.

People in need use these products for health & serious needs this includes veterans & elderly who need resources now more than ever.

Full-spectrum & higher doses are critical for them to be effective.

This bill would get rid of tinctures and other product used by people in need.

Cite instances where these products had positive impact on yourself, family, & friends.

These products contain things found in plants. Synthetics is an abused & misused term, & scare tactic. Delta 8, CBN, & the others drawing concern are naturally in these plants. They're safe & the majority have research showing their therapeutic value. It's why they are used in products.

This industry provides 53k jobs, 5 billion in revenue & more than 238 million in taxes to Texas

MOHAMMED PASHA

Self

tyler, TX

As a consumer of legal hemp products in Texas, I strongly oppose this bill. Many Texans, including veterans who rely on these products for relief and consumers who use them for sleep and wellness, will be unfairly impacted. The current laws already ensure safety through lab testing and compliance, and adding more restrictions will only drive prices up and push people toward unregulated markets. This bill does not protect consumers—it only limits access to safe, legal alternatives that improve quality of life. I urge you to vote against it and protect consumer choice in Texas.

Sincerely,

Mohammed Pasha

Daniel Shaikh, Mr
Self
Tyler, TX

I am part of a small family on hemp Store we follow all the rules. We have all the licenses. We've been inspected couple times by the respective agencies and everything was found to be perfect. We have all the COA's for our product we check IDs we seal the package. We tell them not to do it around minor don't open the package till you get home. We are doing everything that we can to be responsible. I would ask you to consider to not hurt our small business by banning these products. Most of my customers are suffering from some kind of disease let it be anxiety, depression, pain, arthritis, and they don't wanna be on the pharmaceutical medicine because it causes more problems for them. Most of my customers are over the age of 40 who just do this to get by every day They're not trying to get high this product cannot get you high. It just calms you get rid of your pain and keep you going. I completely understand. There are some stores not following the law or the rules or being responsible. We welcome more restrictions if needs be, but getting rid of the whole industry is not the solution. It will wipe small stores like us who have invested thousands and have taken loans to open up their stores have inventory have employees me personally have almost 22 employees which I have to let go. I might default on my loan. Texas was a business friendly state. Keep it that way we're not selling anything illegal Our stores. Our products are following the same rules. We are even following the rules that are not even mentioned or asked about agencies, but we are still to be responsible while entirely following those rules like making sure that I read Customer is 21 making sure they have ID. We scan the ID to make sure that the ID is legit we follow all the rules we guide them how to do it. We're not overselling on milligrams to be honest we are being more responsible than the alcohol industry and we're not even as harmful so I would kindly ask to reconsider and not to bend the whole industry. Few rules and restrictions are welcome if we need to. We can be more strict about it, but getting rid of it doesn't help anybody. He will be sending thousands of these people back on the street where they can get tainted stuff where they could be mugged and get involved in crime and end up hurting their self.

Danielle Hamblin
Self
Pilot Point, TX

Good morning, there are several people who utilize products containing THC to help reduce pain from chronic diseases/illnesses. By removing our access to these products, hundreds if not thousands of people will needlessly suffer with nowhere to turn for relief. I support further regulation such as age restrictions to aid in preventing underage consumption, but banning these products 100% is not the solution. Please reconsider a full ban and instead focus on strengthening laws surrounding the purchase of these hemp products instead of penalizing the manufacturers and retailers and those of us that rely on them to reduce pain. A full ban would likely increase the sale of illegal drugs as a supplement which would only make an existing drug problem worse in our state. Thank you for your consideration.

Ahmad Abunijmeh
Self
Venus, TX

I am against SB 3

Eric Dorman
Rock N Roll it Smoke & Vape
Alvin, TX

This bill would objectively do the opposite of "protecting Texas citizens and children" by simply pushing consumers in to the far more unregulated black market. Being in such close proximity to the border of Mexico allows a flow of obscene amounts of harmful drugs such as fentanyl that seems to be laced on every substance, including marijuana. Someone can easily overdose and die from a pin head worth of fentanyl, no one has ever over dosed and died from marijuana, as it is simply impossible to do so. Regulate hemp products for the sake of all consumers, don't just outright ban it because it won't stop people from finding a way to get their hands on it.

Jason Tobias

Self - Financial Planning Business Owner

McKinney, TX

Texans do not want this! Prohibition does not work. You'll flood will crush the industry, put 53,000 people out of work, which will flood unemployment, lose tax revenue, and flood the illicit market. Texans overwhelmingly are in favor of keeping these products and for full on legalization. Perry has this one wrong and is going against the people.

Niki Wallace

Texas Canna Farms

Crowley, TX

I am writing you about Senate Bill 3. I understand and agree that the hemp industry is in need of some regulations. I own a store that sells hemp products. Before you vote on this bill, I would like to tell you a little about my store and my customers. We started this business because my father-in-law was addicted to opioids. He has had several back surgeries, and he was prescribed pain pills to help with chronic pain. He took these medications for many years and was having several side effects. He got to a point that he would rather be in pain than continue with these medications, but he was scared he would not be able to function in his day-to-day activities without it. My husband gave him some THC/CBD gummies and he slowly started replacing the opioids with THC/CBD gummies. After a few weeks he was completely off the opioids and using the THC/CBD gummies in their place. He realized that not only were the opioids causing him side effects they were also tricking his body into thinking he needed more than he did. My brother who was in the Navy for 15 years also switched from opioids to THC/CBD gummies for his back pain and he uses them to help with PTSD and anxiety. The majority of our customers are people over 30 and many of those are over 60. These are people looking for an alternative treatment for pain, insomnia, anxiety, ptsd, adhd, and many other ailments. These are not people looking to get high. I do not want this bill to pass as it is because it will put us out of business, but even worse it will take away the products that many people are depending on to find relief. People will not stop using these products if they become illegal. They will just have to get them off of the streets where there is no testing and no regulations to ensure the safety of the products. I had a customer come into our store a few weeks ago telling me that his friend purchased products off the street and there was fentanyl in them and his friend died. We would love for you to visit our store and meet our customers and see how these products help them. I hope this letter helps you see this industry from another point of view. Thank you for your time.

Thank you,

Niki Wallace

Nathen Palacios

self

plano, TX

suh

Ben Garrett, Mr

Self R&D

Mckinney, TX

Please we have finally have some regulation please keep it going forward

Stefano Pascente
Hot City Smoke Shop HTX
Conroe, TX

I am writing to express deep concern about any proposed legislation that seeks to ban smokable and edible THCA products in the state of Texas. Such a move would be profoundly detrimental to many individuals who rely on these products for relief from chronic illnesses, mental health challenges, neurological disorders, and more.

For many Texans, access to THCA products is not simply a matter of preference—it is a matter of necessity. The current medical marijuana program in Texas remains extremely limited, with strict qualifying conditions, low THC caps, and very few dispensaries across the state. This has left countless patients without legal, affordable, or accessible options for relief. In this gap, THCA products have provided a vital lifeline.

Unlike many pharmaceuticals, smokable and edible THCA products offer relief with minimal risk of harm. THCA, a non-psychoactive compound that converts to THC when heated, has been shown to reduce inflammation, nausea, pain, anxiety, and even seizures in some individuals. Patients have reported that it improves their quality of life, increases their ability to work and function, and decreases reliance on more dangerous medications such as opioids or benzodiazepines.

There is also a critical safety aspect to consider. In the entire recorded history of cannabis use, there has never been a single documented case of a fatal overdose due to THC. Contrast that with substances like alcohol and over-the-counter medications like Advil (ibuprofen), which are responsible for tens of thousands of deaths every year and remain widely accessible to both adults and minors. How can we justify outlawing a plant-based product with no lethal dose when we continue to allow substances proven to cause real harm?

A ban on smokable and edible THCA products would not eliminate demand—it would only push individuals toward the unregulated market, increasing health risks and creating legal consequences for people simply seeking to manage their conditions in the most effective way they've found.

We urge lawmakers to consider the science, the real-world benefits, and the voices of patients who are directly impacted. The solution is not to ban THCA products, but to expand safe, legal access to them and continue moving toward a more compassionate, medically inclusive policy that prioritizes public health over stigma.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tariq Powell
Self
Houston, TX

This bill is an affront to our freedom as Americans the act of this bill being created is a performative pearl clutching act by the very same people who signed on the farm bill in 2019

Scott Shifflett
The PEOPLE
Austin, TX

I. Have PTSD, ADD, anxiety disorder, and depression. I was prescribed numerous prescription medications for years. I ended up getting addicted to my medications and lost everything in my life. 4 years ago I had to admit myself to a drug rehabilitation center. I started using THC products 4 years ago and now I'm on no prescription medications for my diseases and my quality of life is amazing! By banning these products you are empowering Mexican drug cartels with all of the profits instead of our state.

Brenden Lopez
NA
Houston, TX
Against bill

Sammie Clark, Mrs
Self, Small business owner
Plantersville, TX

I believe hemp products should remain legal in Texas because they've had a profound impact on my life and well-being. For me, they've been an effective way to manage chronic pain, offering relief without the risks associated with stronger medications like opioids. Hemp products have also provided a healthier alternative for relaxation and stress relief, improving my overall quality of life. While I don't believe they should be available to minors, I fully support responsible regulation that ensures safe access for consenting adults. Beyond personal benefits, keeping hemp legal supports Texas's growing hemp industry, benefiting local farmers and businesses while providing a safe, non-addictive option for improving health and wellness. On top of that, the sale of hemp products is a valuable source of tax revenue for the state, which can be reinvested into education, healthcare, and other public services. Legalizing and regulating hemp is not only good for individuals like me but also for the Texas economy and community as a whole.

Alexandra Patino
Self
The woodlands, TX

There are no products that work as well as Hemp for me, and no one has ever died from Hemp products.

Lynda Blakeslee
Title
Austin, TX

I'm a 76 year old grandmother of 4 with nearly crippling neuropathy in my feet. I have found that D9/D8 w CBD provide some of the best relief I've found from this pain. Please do not criminalize these substances that help so many folks these days. Thank you.

Lee Clark, Mr
Self, Small business owner
Plantersville, TX

I believe hemp products should stay legal in Texas because they've made a real difference in my life. They help me manage my chronic pain and have significantly reduced my need for alcohol, providing a healthier way to relax. I support responsible regulation, like age restrictions, to keep them out of the hands of minors, but consenting adults should have access to these products. Keeping hemp legal also supports local businesses and farmers while providing a safe, non-addictive option for people like me who need relief.

Sarah Rohus
Self
Houston, TX

I as a resident of Texas would like to log my opposition to SB3.

Carlos Orozco
Hemp
Carrollton, TX

It helps with my sleep depression epiclpy

Logan LaChance

Haus of Jayne

Austin, TX

Obvious lobbying from alcohol and pharmaceutical industry. Hemp has killed 0 Texans while those have killed thousands and drunk driving continues to run rampant in this state, and this law was only introduced due to hemp being a healthier alternative a lot of Texans have switched to. Every hemp store in my area IDs on entry, and Patrick himself was ID'd at every place he visited, see happy cactus security footage. As for HB28, it is clear the language in this bill isn't even trying to be subtle with trying to only benefit the alcohol industry with lobbying. Underage alcohol and nicotine sales dwarf underage hemp cases in this state, yet we want to trust that industry? Only because they want the money, and will fill the pockets of those that push for their agenda of keeping Texans hooked on alcohol and buying from them. The lobbying from Specs in particular is anything but non-chalant, as it is clear they want to be the only ones allowed to sell these drinks purely for monetary reason.

Jonathan Jablonski

Self

McKinney, TX

Vote No on this bill, as it seriously impedes on the freedoms of upstanding residents and thriving businesses that contribute unparalleled and immeasurable wealth to society. This bill is raised on false pretenses and supported under even more of the same. This bill will only contribute to those who profit off of imprisoning people for nonviolent crimes. Any support or passing of this bill is a glaring sign of a government failure of its people.

Saqib Ahmad, Operating partner

Saqib ahmad

Dickinson, TX

It shouldn't be banned alot of people depend on them this is natural way for alot of people specially cancers over age muscle relax sleeping issues anxiety depression

Asma Ahmad, Operating partner

BAHAMA mama Webster

Webster, TX

BAHAMA Mama is against SB3 ban as this is not a solution we have to come up with the solution not the ban as it's gone effects millions of life the People who really need care , deep relaxation , pain free life , peaceful sleep and they don't want to add any chemicals in there body they want to treat them with nature by using Consumable hemp products

Lynette Heckmann, MS

self

Georgetown, TX

I have testified before several legislative committees before my retirement from the state in 2012. Since that time, I've watched as more and more House and Senate members have disregarded the thoughts and concerns of those they represent and this is one of those bills that does NOT represent the will of the majority of Texans. Many of us use these products for sleep as a natural substitute for big pharma drugs. And to change the law to eliminate Delta 8 and Delta 9 will dramatically affect the senior community of Sun City in Georgetown and other Texas retirement communities. Those over the age of 50 (eligible for retirement in these communities) make up 30% of Texas population (source: <https://www.neilsberg.com/insights/texas-population-by-age/>) and SB 3 disproportionately affects us. For you to do the bidding of the Lt Gov and not the will of the people is unconscionable!

Paul Prachyl

Self

Austin, TX

This is a bad bill. I'm 65 and as a kid I could by weed easily at high school. Pass this and again the place I know I can buy weed will be a high school. That's not the goal but it will be the effect. 21+ to purchase is much better solution.

Catherine Jonas
Self sales associate
Kempner, TX

I do not want this. Please keep recreational hemp products legal. Not only can they help many people with various health concerns without needing expensive/addictive prescription drugs, but they also aid those with sleep and anxiety problems in a safe way.

Jack Gill, Mr
Self
Spring, TX

I oppose the sb3 bill the only thing that will happen with this bill is it will give street level drug dealers more money, and cause death in the community from buying thc on the streets with the chances of it having fentanyl in it. I am a US army veteran and the is a key factor in me rejoining society in a non aggressive manner

Kimberly Potts
THC and CBD products
Austin, TX

This bill needs to be STOPPED. Let me start off by saying I understand my story will probably have no impact but I pray that my voice will be heard. I am almost 41 and since I was 21 suffered from an undiagnosed autoimmune disease. My symptoms when my journey first started were unable to be controlled and caused me to not be able to function. I saw several doctors and while all agreed, it was most likely autoimmune and possibly multiple sclerosis, I couldn't get a diagnosis. Instead they offered to treat the symptoms by placing me on several different medications with several different side effects. I declined after learning that they would have to wing me off those same meds in order to diagnose me and that it would prolong getting any real answers. After some intense research and speaking to others in my position, I decide to give consumable THC and CBD products a try. With these products I have been able to control my symptoms and function. I work 40 hours a week, clean my own home and take care of my every day responsibilities. To some this may sound insignificant but for me it is a blessing. Before I began to use these products, I had dizzy spells that would make it hard to get to the restroom on my own. I had headaches that would bring me to tears and my life quality was barely existent. These products not only have helped me have a normal life but based on MRI imaging has most likely slowed the progression of the damage the autoimmune disorder was causing on my brain.

My story is not unique and is the real reason why hemp products should be allowed to continue to be sold. My husband uses them to maintain his mood because his epilepsy medication causes it to be off balanced. He gets the add perk of extra protection from seizures. My aunt who had gastric bypass surgery finds comfort in the fact it helps her sleep and gives her an appetite which struggled to have after the surgery.

I do understand the concerns over children getting their hands on these products. Those concerns are the same for other legal substances. The issue is not that THC and CBd consumables are available but parents being irresponsible. They need to learn to place them in a safe place like their guns.

Linda Bachle, Mother
Self
Pearland, TX

Cannabis products should NOT be criminalized or fined in any way

Taylor Walters
Self smoke shop worker
Coldspring, TX

NO

David Hayworth

Self/ finance

Austin, TX

I believe this would not only hurt Texas socially but also economically. The hemp industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the country and is a substance that could easily be taxed like cigarettes to increase the revenue for the state. Also there are a lot of people that rely on hemp products to help with mental illness and chronic pain. The Texas I grew up in was always about protecting its citizens rights and freedoms, but now it is starting to feel like it has one of the biggest and most overbearing government in the country. Make Texas great again and stop the government over reach.

Linda Bachle, Mother

Self

Pearland, TX

The citizens of Texas are not being represented! There are so many people who use consumable hemp products should not be illegal or criminal of any kind

Vernita Heiden

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I use these products to help with my stress, anxiety and back pain. I do not like pain pills but these products are perfect for relief.

Katherine McChurch

Self, Adjunct Professor

Austin, TX

I am writing to urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3, which proposes a full ban on legal hemp-derived THC products in Texas. This legislation would represent significant government overreach, jeopardizing tens of thousands of jobs and harming an industry that contributes over \$8 billion annually to the Texas economy. The bill would also have numerous, adverse societal implications, if it became law.

The hemp industry currently supports more than 50,000 jobs across various sectors, including agriculture, retail, and manufacturing. A full ban is not conservative policy but infringes on individual liberties by stripping Texans of a lawful product they rely on for pain relief, sleep, and stress management. It would also push consumers toward unregulated, potentially dangerous black markets. Hemp is already a federally and state-regulated product, with robust safety standards in place to ensure quality and protect consumers.

While we support efforts to keep hemp products away from minors, we believe a sweeping ban is not the solution. Instead, we support enacting additional safety standards to protect children, such as limiting sales to individuals 21 and older, implementing child-resistant packaging, and restricting sales near schools.

The Texas hemp industry has a multiplier effect—every \$1 spent on hemp products generates an additional \$2.80 for the local economy. Banning these products would negatively impact the economy and harm the livelihoods of Texans who rely on this industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust you will stand with Texans in opposing this harmful legislation.

Shah M Ahmed

Self

Missouri City, TX

D-9 and D-8 products are helping me for my back pain and joint pain as well. These products have to be kept legal no matter what, these products are usually for a lot of people like me.

Alexandra Parker

Self

Liberty, TX

This is not going to solve any problem. People don't want to lock up their alcohol, medications, or keep their children off of social media where porn has run rampant. Instead once again it's about attacking something that God put on this planet for our use. I have talked to the compassionate use program and they do not include something called sativa which is a strain of marijuana that helps me lose weight. I cannot take antidepressants and you are threatening to take away the one thing that helps me.

Courtney Diershaw

Self

Fort Worth, TX

I oppose these bills and rely on these products. I will not reelect supporters of SB3 & HB28.

Lindsay Camp

self; therapist/business owner

Fredericksburg, TX

Please god no. This is such an unnecessary and uniformed position and regression.

Gordon Strachan

Self retired

Emory, TX

I do not understand, first of all, why you consider this to be a "dangerous drug". I've NEVER known anyone including myself that has overdosed from smoking it. It has always made me feel better about life in general no matter what my circumstances were. I sincerely wish that you take into consideration the amount of state revenue that is at stake for Texas. I doubt that cannabis businesses are putting children at risk. Thank you very much, Gordon

Joshua Mayes

Self

Waxahachie, TX

This bill, if passed, will force me to get my natural medicine from the black market where there is no safety. Currently I am able to order products that are organic and tested for pesticides, heavy metals, and other toxic substances. Legalization should be voted on by the states citizens and not dictated by a small handful of career politicians. Alcohol is way more dangerous but still fully legal. Makes zero sense.

Jahidul Islam

Self

Porter, TX

I am opposing this bill. Because me and my family are using this product. This product help me to go sleep also help me to focus my study and enjoy my life. If this is banned then I have no option to do anything else. So please consider SB3 and HB28. I will be grateful to you. Make America great again with Hemp.

Clela Eggebrecht

Self

Brownwood, TX

Why are you doing this I suffer from PTSD, ADHD, chronic migraines, depression, chronic diarrhea, anxiety and if it wasn't for CBD I would be in worse shape. I can't afford the medications that have been prescribed as some of them are not covered by my insurance and the insurance I have has a huge deductible. This is just another way for the pharmaceutical companies to get more money out of poor people and put more people in harm's way by not having a good treatment plan. The democrats are winning again

Aadil Osman
Self - Business Owner
Dallas, TX

Dear Senator Perry,

I am writing as a concerned business owner and advocate for the many Texans who rely on hemp-derived products for relief from chronic pain, PTSD, anxiety, and other serious health conditions. I urge you to reconsider the advancement of Senate Bill 3, which would effectively ban products containing any detectable level of THC—even those fully compliant with federal law under the 2018 Farm Bill.

My business, A & A Retail Concepts, has served our community by offering safe, lab-tested hemp products that many of our customers depend on daily to manage symptoms that traditional pharmaceuticals often fail to treat without unwanted side effects. For many veterans, elderly patients, and others living with trauma or disability, hemp-derived products like full-spectrum CBD oils and edibles are not just supplements—they are lifelines.

One of my customers shared a heartbreaking story that I believe you need to hear. She lost both her mother and sister to fentanyl-laced marijuana purchased off the street. Since then, she has turned exclusively to licensed smoke shops like mine, where she knows the products are tested, labeled, and regulated. For her, and so many like her, access to safe and legal hemp is not a luxury—it's a matter of life and death.

SB 3 threatens not only the survival of small businesses like mine but also the safety of thousands of Texans who would be pushed back into unsafe, unregulated markets. A ban of this magnitude would not eliminate demand—it would only erase safe access and hand control back to illegal sellers.

I understand and support the need for consumer protection, but that goal can and should be achieved through reasonable regulation—not an outright ban. I respectfully ask that you reconsider this bill's scope and instead work with business owners, health advocates, and patients to craft a more balanced, evidence-based solution.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to representing the interests of all Texans.

Sincerely,
Aadil Osman
Director
A & A Retail Concepts

Raul Trejo
Self
Orange Grove, TX

I OPPOSE SB3. As a retired adult who has worked hard i find many benefits in consumable hemp and perfer it to pharmaceuticals and want to keep my right to choose which I consume.

David Sanchez
None
Blue Mound, TX

If you pass this bill you will be violating the freedoms of every Veteran who uses these products and committing career suicide. The TX polling is clear, the mass majority of Texans want Farm Bill compliant canna-therapy. Dont do it, youve been warned. So much for TX being a free state, more like a Police and Prison state that seeks to lock up citizens who want to use a plant God put on this earth.

Thomas Alsbrook

Self

The colony, TX

I think this is rediculolous due to the fact of only benefits being had by these products by your people and still trying to get rid of it is wild

Stephen seltzer

self

magnolia, TX

strongly against

John Benevides

Self

Sugar Land, TX

Stop this bill NOW. Hemp products are infinitely less damaging than alcohol consumption! Are you proposing to ban that? I'm a life long Republican conservative and love Texas, but this is ridiculous! This will make me seriously consider how I vote from here on if this is passed.

Aaron Staubs

Self

Princeton, TX

SB3 would destroy a legal and regulated hemp industry due to intellectual negligence from Dan Patrick. I havw served in this industry for 4 years and we are a thriving business in our community. We provide quality, safe and LAB TESTED products to adults over 21. Destroying this industry is a terrible financial decision for the state.

Sterling Smith

self

North Richland Hills, TX

This bill makes absolutely no sense unless our esteemed AG's goal is to fill private prisons with non-violent offenders caught with hemp consumables. Tax and regulate, please!

Alicia Beach

Self

Providence Village, TX

Not in favor!

Derrion Green

Emerald Organics Cannabis

Haslet, TX

Don't make this a crime!!!! Let them blow the Hemp!!!

Brian Creque

Self

San Angelo, TX

Vet with diagnosed PTSD. Using Delta 8 has significantly reduced depression, stress and severe anxiety associated with PTSD and has enhanced my quality of life. In favor of much much stricter regulations but an outright ban is absolutely ridiculous.

heather green

Self, Operations Manager

grand prairie, TX

As a productive, hard working member of the Texas community I urge you to reconsider this negative position toward hemp and cannabis. Having safe, consistent access to responsibly consume hemp products greatly enhances my quality of life by helping me relax after a stressful day at work due to tough economic times. Additionally, it will take a tremendous toll on our justice system and take focus away from real threats to our community. Please reconsider this position and don't take away these small freedoms.

Izabeau Gonzalez

Self

Willis, TX

NO for SB 3

Jeffry Eldridge

Self

Willis, TX

No

Tyler McMillan

self

Pearland, TX

I disagree with SB3;

It will literally just take Texas backwards.

We need to move forwards.

The hemp industry in Texas has been the middle ground for people with issues such as insomnia, anxiety, depression, appetite, to use legally and get the well needed benefits they desire when they are not able to afford doctors visits or medications.

They may possibly not like the way the medicine feels, there are so many different reasons you guys should leave this hemp business alone.

It has been a legal "loophole" since 2019, 6 years later we finally are "freaking out, and panicking" about something that texans have been using without much issue for years, even before 2019...

; The compassionate use program is trash, unusable, and the small amount of products available are overpriced at least 40x regular market price. (IE all for profits, not the patient)

Ontop of all of this you then have all the tax revenue and jobs this has created in just the last FEW years that it really has "popped off and gotten popular"

Please consider NOT passing SB 3;

Thank you,

Tyler McMillan

Jason Harrington, Mr.
Bahama Mamma Smoke Shop
Huston, TX

SB 3 by Perry represents an overreach by our state government bodies, and if enacted will begin a gross misuse of government resources in a place where a more common sense based solution is needed.

Not only is said bill short sighted, I question the merit behind its proposal.

Said consequences are unnecessarily harsh; all of this is to say, SB 3's conditions of its enforcement are Draconian.

In this short sighted Decision , you as a body stand to destroy a NOW thriving soon to be billion dollar industry from which many benefit.

I also feel inclined to point that Most if not all evidence against newer Hemp derived Derivative based THC invokes a common fear of the unknown. In many ways, we've taken a headline and run, all without asking why?

Evidence of said products Danger boils down to over sensationalized anecdotes. SB3 is an attempt to use weaponize Fear, and ignorance of newer technologies to enforce a wasteful policy where we easily could have had common sense regulation.

In the 1920's alcohol faced a very familiar set of criticisms,our government took action and a black market was created.

In the 80's when our children were killing themselves drinking and driving, we raised the drinking age with great success.

Destroying the industry will inevitably boost black markets, and will inevitably put more THC on the streets making it easier for underage children to obtain, easily than ever before.

Janelle Graham
Self
Austin, TX

This will not help our community or Texas small businesses trying to do things the right and safe way. Plant medicine should be a choice!

William Macbrohnm
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am a disabled Veteran with sever arthritis through out my entire body.

I have had a knee replacement, I have severe back and neck pain.

The Only thing that helps me sleep and get relief from the pain are the Good hemp products.

PLEASE do not take that away from me.

Matthew Vargas
Self
San Antonio, TX

I will make it my mission to make sure all who destroy the hemp industry that they will not be re-elected and will fully support their opponents and give every penny I have and will raise to make sure they are out of office because of their failure at their job and dereliction of duty in failing to properly understand the hemp bill and all that is helps to serve ailments for those that do not want pharmaceuticals. If y'all are true republicans you will stop trying to act tike you are doing what is best for the state and the citizens and truly let us be free. But if you don't we will KNOW you are bought and paid for. I use to have my own business but I had to close it down due to over saturation but the the over saturation was due to little to no regulation and enforcement as I tried to do it right and other shops did it wrong just to barely make it themselves. I started my business due to my families illnesses and the hemp helped them tremendously. So if you think just store owners care you are wrong as now my family will be subject to pharmaceuticals once again. And if that happened I promise you to my last dying breath I will make it my mission to get you all out of office.

Sarah Santiago

Self

AUSTIN, TX

This bill would seriously limit and restrict our access to safe hemp products. Please do not pass this and focus on drugs like mdma, ketamine, heroine, fentanyl, etc. The hemp products you seek to restrict help consumers get thru pain, frustration, and aid in good relief. Please re consider the importance of this bill. Austin is filled with hemp loving consumers. I don't doubt that in your own families, there are those close to you that consume hemp. Please do not pass this bill.

Clarisse Haack, Mrs

Self

AUSTIN, TX

I have a medical marijuana license for pain due to back surgery and debilitating headaches and pain. The dispensaries used for cannabis charge 2x as much for a product that is 1/2 as strong. Id have to pay \$400 up monthly if forced to use them with less impact on my pain levels. I personally think I should be able to grow a plant in my home and pay zero for a medicine granted to me by god. If alcohol and tobacco are legal it is absurd to pass this bill. Important to note that I am a conservative republican and longtime supporter of those values, but in this case y'all are wrong. Make everyone get a medical marijuana license and regulate that way, and give us the ability to grow one plant at home. I paid 30k in property taxes so funds are tight, I should not have to pay for something I can grow at home responsibly and legally. Do not ban or cap dosage on deltas, you just make it more costly for those who actually need it. The others will just buy on the black market if you ban and you will be responsible for supporting cartels rather than Texas Industry. Please send to Dan Patrick and Greg Abbot.

Coby Carpenter

Self

Texas City, TX

No for SB 3

Sidney Boyd

Self

Amarillo, TX

Bill SB 3 intends to ban THC and outright destroy the hemp industry as a whole. People have built their store fronts and manufacturing centers with integrity and earnestness. The hemp industry supports Texas family's financial well-being and provides tax revenue for the city, county and state municipalities. The frame work and the patient demand is built on transparency and diversity. If this bill passes it will consolidate the industry into the hands of a few while at the same time criminalizing the patents and producers that have worked legally to build on liberty for choice of plant wellness.

veronica mohrmann

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose any criminilization of hemp or THC derived products sold in Texas , when legally consumed and sold by reputable businesses, these products are no different then going into any legal alcoholic establishment, to enjoy to relax and share with community

HEATHER Weltner

self

AUSTIN, TX

disagree

HEATHER Weltner
self
AUSTIN, TX
disagree do not pass

Jordyn Christenson
Rock N' Roll It
Conroe, TX
NO FOR SB 3!

Leah R LoneBear
All citizens and self. I am a pastor, a patient advocate and a public health policy activist
Liverpool, TX

This essentially guts medical cannabis, turns good people into criminals and brings grave harm to innocent people. I have been using farm bill-compliant products from a quality company via mail order. I have to do this because these products are cost-prohibitive and the company I order from gives 60% discounts to the disabled which I am, first responders which I was, low income which I am and VETERANS. These products will become unattainable and my disability will only increase. This is WRONG. The people of this state have made their voice clear, but it has become obvious our government is no longer conservative and Texas has become a Nanny State. Dan Patrick has become the poster child for term limits. He did say that old people should go out and get their COVID and die to leave room for young people as if having grandparents doesn't matter anymore and now despite polls that prove what the people need he is bent on enforcing his personal will on others. I will NEVER vote republican again.

Diane Dearsan
Self
Austin, TX

Greetings, my name is Diane Dearsan. I'm a 68 yr old female with numerous health issues. I've had 7 spine surgeries in past 5 yrs. I've been in pain mgmt 5 yrs. My doctor finally recommended thc and cbd products to help with insomnia and neuropathy. The products have been a life saver for me . It's allowed me to sleep at night. Do more in my daily life. My debilitating pain is now manageable. I sincerely beg you to not restrict these quality products to be unavailable to the multitude of chronic pain and anxiety sufferers. It's been a life saver for me. I truly think the majority of you all in office just don't understand how safe these products are and the help it provides for so many. Please contact me if you have any questions. Please don't send us back to a life of chronic pain.

Lori Perry
Self
Austin, TX

The 2018 Federal Farm Bill legalized many hemp products, leading to the growth of a legitimate industry that has created jobs, boosted local economies, and provided consumers with alternative wellness options. Attempting to reverse these gains with SB3 disregards market principles and personal freedoms—values that conservatives have long championed. Will you consider the fact that destroying access to hemp products is not supported by the majority of Texans and will harm our economy and people's health. I do hope you will reconsider your position on this issue.

Lillie Trcalek, Ms
Self/rock n roll it vape
Magnolia, TX
No !

Leah Treat, Ms.

Self - Designer

Dallas, TX

I am a lifelong Texan and have always been proud of it. But lately, it's become apparent that our politicians have little to no concern for their constituents and more concern for the money lining their pockets and pushing an extreme religious agenda on Texans, most of whom disagree with the current projection of extremism. Regarding this bill in particular, instead of quashing whatever fairy tale "evil" lurks within the hemp industry here, you will be destroying the economy it has created over the last few years - billions of dollars in revenue, 50,000 jobs, mom and pop shops, not to mention a stable, traceable flow from farm to market. You will be creating a hole where illegal drugs can easily fill because you can remove the product but you can not remove the desire. Additionally, these products are less available than alcohol, especially to minors, and far less harmful than short and long term affects of alcohol. Regulation, taxing, and restrictions to over 21 year olds make sense, it's what other states have implemented. But shuttering the industry completely will have adverse effects; this bill supposedly seeks to resolve problems but will instead inflate them. You all were elected to work for and represent the people, not to control us.

SyMBER Saxon, Ms.

Self; Store Manager, Rock n Roll it Outlet

Alvin, TX

NO FOR SB3 AND HB28

Jade Cerna

Self / Sales

Cypress, TX

No for SB 3

Suzanne Armbruster

self

Austin, TX

Please do not limit access to safe, legal cannabis. There are bigger fish to fry affecting the rights of human lives. Leave cannabis alone. There are many great small businesses that provide this within the legal framework.

Morgan Miller

self / realtor

Austin, TX

Imagine waking up a minimum of 1 day A WEEK with such a bad migraine you throw up. Now imagine losing health insurance and the ability to receive the medical care you need for your chronic migraines. That's my life. Consumable hemp products give me the chance at a better life due to the way they help lighten my migraines and constant nausea I have because of them. Now imagine you pass SB3 and I no longer have the reprieve from pain I desperately need in order to work and live. Passing SB3 will not only harm the Texas economy, but will harm people with chronic illnesses such as my self, veterans who rely on it for their pain and PTSD, and cancer patients like my mother. Consumable hemp products are also fundamental in my alcohol sobriety. How many people die from drunk drivers every year? Yet I don't see you passing bills to make alcohol illegal. It is time to actually serve the public, like you were elected to do. Passing SB3 will make thousands of Texans lose employment and it will make Texas lose billions thanks to us being one of the main hemp growing states. If you REALLY want what's best for Texas you need to stop SB3 from going through. You were elected to be public servants. Most Texans want THC products to be decriminalized yet you're wanting to stop legal hemp production that goes with that vote. You are supposed to listen to our pleas and our cries for help. I don't know what will happen to me if I lose consumable hemp products. They help me work and sleep even though I feel like I have a nail being drilled in my head most days out of the month. Please for once think about Texas. Please think about how great legal hemp and THC products could make the Texas economy and how much it'll help the very Texans that make this state a great one. Listen to us. Stop SB3 and similar bills from passing.

Marlo Mrak
Self, Hairstylist
Austin, TX

While proponents argue that SB 3 aims to enhance consumer safety and establish necessary industry oversight, the bill raises serious concern. A primary point of contention is SB 3's stringent restriction on legal cannabinoids. The bill significantly narrows the scope of allowable substances, primarily limiting them to cannabidiol (CBD) and cannabigerol (CBG). This effectively bans other hemp-derived cannabinoids, such as delta-8 THC and delta-10 THC, which are currently available in the market.

This restriction raises concerns about consumer choice and access to products that many individuals find beneficial. It also poses a significant threat to businesses that have built their operations around the sale of these now-prohibited cannabinoids. The bill's regulations, including the imposition of substantial licensing and registration fees, could have a devastating impact on small businesses within the Texas hemp industry. These businesses, which have contributed to the state's economy, may struggle to comply with the new requirements, potentially leading to closures and job losses. Furthermore, by eliminating popular hemp-derived products, SB 3 risks driving consumers to the black market or out-of-state retailers, thereby harming the Texas economy. SB 3 introduces new criminal offenses for violations of its regulations, including the possession or sale of prohibited cannabinoids. This raises concerns about the potential for disproportionate enforcement and the criminalization of individuals who may be unaware of the new restrictions. The creation of felony charges, for certain offenses, is a very harsh measure that could drastically affect peoples lives.

While the bill aims to increase consumer safety through testing and labeling requirements, the blanket ban on certain cannabinoids may have unintended consequences. By pushing these products into the unregulated black market, it could potentially increase consumer exposure to unsafe and untested substances.

In summary, while the intent of SB 3 to regulate the hemp industry is understandable, its approach raises serious concerns. The restrictive nature of the bill, its potential economic impact, and the introduction of criminal penalties warrant careful consideration. It is crucial to strike a balance between consumer safety and the preservation of a viable hemp industry in Texas.

Ayyan Dholasaniya
Employees in the industry
Cedar Park, TX

Don't ban hemp!

robert gordon
retired self
Amarillo, TX

Ridiculous legislation for a non-harmful substance

David Lester
Self
Giddings, TX

Sadly Reefer Madness is alive and well. This bill will take away products that Texans use for various ailments such as anxiety, cancer, chronic pain, ptsd etc, to avoid dangerous pharmaceuticals & opioids. The state's medical cannabis program is expensive and largely ineffective. If this bill is approved and made law. Millions of Texans that rely on hemp derived THC will be forced to suffer or find alternatives. This bill is cruel and inconsiderate instead of legislation that can make improvements to hemp THC. Dan Patrick has decided to use a sledgehammer instead of a scalpel to address concerns and issues. I wouldn't be surprised if Big Alcohol, Big Pharma & TCUP interest are behind this bill.

Sakib Sobhan
Bahama Mama
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill.

Andres Fly
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Vote No on this bill! Banning hemp products will be harmful to the health of people in the community, including myself. This will also harm several local small businesses that we support and help to support us.

Savannah Colbert
Self
Austin, TX

Limiting and/or criminalizing the sale of hemp products will lead to use of unregulated and unsafe products that will cause more harm. I urge you not to pass this bill.

John Cervantez
Self/ Telepresence Engineer
Buda, TX

PerryPerryThese have been sold at gas stations for a while now and they have caused no harm.

E Washington, ALIVE and LIVING
Self Insurance agent Therapist, Notary
Humble, TX

Hemp can help this state in many ways from homes to agricultural. Hemp is very healing and effective to the mind and body. The People, the citizens need more better, healthier options that drugs from the pharmacy thar are filled with more harm than good. It's time to get real and wake up. Amen

Dylan Lane
Self
Royse City, TX

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3! The majority of the public fully supports the legalization of cannabis. This bill does not align with public wants. Nobody has died from THC overdoses....ever!!! Businesses will be closed, jobs will be lost and tax revenue will go to the black market where criminals and fentanyl is running the market. STOP THE REEFER MADNESS! STOP THE LIES! This is a corporate money grab that will hurt native Texans on so many levels. LT GOV Dan Patrick is corrupt and I will be changing my vote next time around for him. If you are responsible for passing this bill you will also lose my vote. Think twice before you commit political suicide passing his bill.

Roshani Patel
Green Goddess
Austin, TX

People in need use these products for health & serious needs this includes veterans & elderly who need resources now more then ever.

Feras Ajak
Skyrise
Mesquite, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3. The proposed regulations on consumable hemp products, including excessive registration requirements, fees, and new criminal penalties, will place an undue burden on small businesses and entrepreneurs in the hemp industry. These changes risk stifling innovation, limiting consumer access to safe and legal products, and harming the livelihoods of many Texans. I urge lawmakers to consider more balanced, business-friendly approaches that ensure safety without overregulating a growing and legitimate industry.

Taz Hammad

Self. Owner

Haslet, TX

I am writing to express my deep concern over the potential consequences of SB3, which seeks to ban hemp-derived products. This bill, if passed, will not only devastate legitimate businesses but will also create a massive black market, putting consumers and families like mine at significant risk.

As a business owner, I have seen firsthand how hemp products provide relief and improve quality of life for many individuals. Our customers rely on these legal, regulated products for pain management, anxiety relief, and overall wellness. For example, John, a military veteran, uses hemp-based products to manage his PTSD symptoms without resorting to addictive pharmaceuticals. Sarah, a mother of two, finds relief from chronic pain that once left her bedridden. Without access to legal hemp products, these individuals—and thousands more—will have nowhere to turn but the illicit market, where products are unregulated, untested, and potentially dangerous.

The ripple effect of this bill will be catastrophic. Small businesses like mine will be forced to close, resulting in lost jobs, empty storefronts, and economic hardship. My family, along with countless others, depends on the livelihood this business provides. If SB3 passes, not only will I lose my income, but my employees and their families will also face financial devastation. The economic impact will extend far beyond business owners—distributors, farmers, landlords, and countless others in the supply chain will suffer.

Furthermore, prohibiting these products does not eliminate demand. It only pushes consumers toward unsafe, unregulated alternatives, fueling the very black market this bill aims to prevent. Law enforcement will be burdened with chasing down illicit sales instead of focusing on real criminal threats. Meanwhile, responsible adults will be left without access to safe, legal hemp products that they have relied on for years.

I urge lawmakers to reconsider the devastating consequences of SB3. Instead of an outright ban, we should focus on responsible regulation that ensures consumer safety while protecting legitimate businesses. The livelihoods of hardworking families, the well-being of thousands of consumers, and the integrity of the market depend on it.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Taz Hammad

Mohammed Alakhras

Self

Irving, TX

Dear's

I am writing as a small business owner who has invested my entire savings and effort into building a legal and compliant business that serves my community. The proposed bill threatens not only my business but also my ability to support my family, which includes my two young children. This bill could put us at risk of losing everything, including our home, especially during such a challenging economic time.

It is crucial to recognize that hemp products are not about getting people high. They serve a legitimate purpose, particularly for older adults and individuals seeking natural relief from pain. My business strictly follows all state and federal regulations, ensuring that only customers over 21 have access to hemp products.

One of the major benefits of my store is that it has helped reduce street sales of unregulated and potentially unsafe substances. Many of my customers have turned away from illegal markets, where products are often unsafe and transactions can be dangerous. By restricting legal businesses like mine, this bill may inadvertently push more consumers back to the streets, increasing public safety risks.

I urge you to consider the devastating impact this bill will have on small businesses, families like mine, and public health. Please take into account the responsible role that regulated hemp businesses play in providing safe alternatives while complying with the law.

I appreciate your time and consideration. I hope you will listen to small business owners like myself who are working hard to provide for our families while keeping our communities safe.

Sincerely,

Mohammed alakhras

Smokers house smokeshop

(682)347 9920

Nicholas Olgin, Manager

Just smoke

Aubrey, TX

I manage a smoke shop in North Texas, and most of the officials in Texas are so out of touch with their community, and are so driven by their personal ideology that they don't understand 60-70 percent of the people that partake in using delt products use it because it saves them money rather than using prescribed medication, and if the bill is passed to ban delta products it just proves the publics suspicions that government officials want to put more money in large pharmaceutical companies pockets. Y'all need to catch up to today's age, the US government claims to have an issue with fentanyl, which is largely laced into marijuana. yet you want to ban brands and companies that create safe Alternativez? Makes a lot of sense

Marc Anthony Berry

Self

Garland, TX

Dear Chairman King,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB3 and HB28. My name is Marc Anthony Berry, and I serve as the General Manager of a local hemp dispensary in Texas. Over the course of my career, I have engaged with countless customers, distributors, and manufacturers who depend on this industry. Every day, my customers share testimonials about how our products have improved their lives, particularly those who find prescription pharmaceuticals ineffective. These individuals range from veterans to elderly citizens, all of whom report that hemp-based products are the only solution that works for them.

Our distributors ensure that every product sold is ethically sourced, with a high standard of quality guaranteed by third-party lab tests, including Certificates of Analysis (COAs). These COAs show the precise chemical makeup of our products, ensuring compliance with state regulations. It is important that the State of Texas remain involved in regulating substances that contain non-natural chemicals.

To strengthen this process, I recommend that the state implement stricter regulations requiring two testing submissions from state-approved labs for each delta strain, whether it be flower, edibles, or disposable cartridges. Secondly, force distributors to carry a limited set of farms/manufacturers that they currently carry on the shelf being restricted to a maximum of 10 separate brands. Another critical step would be to restrict the sale of hemp products in gas stations. Dispensaries and tobacco retailers already maintain a more stringent approach to ensure their products do not fall into the hands of minors. While some violations will inevitably occur, I suggest a “one strike and you’re out” policy where offenders face substantial penalties, ensuring they are disbanded swiftly to protect the public.

A total ban on hemp, as proposed, will only drive consumers to unregulated black market sources, undermining public safety rather than improving it. Moreover, such a ban would significantly hinder the progress we’ve made in the last five years. Over \$700 million in sales tax revenue and nearly 60,000 jobs in Texas would be at risk.

I urge you to take a closer look at the legalization of hemp and marijuana in other conservative states, where it has provided economic opportunities and new sources of revenue. These insights could offer valuable lessons in terms of growth and the potential benefits for Texas. For example, the revenue generated could be allocated to support educational savings accounts, which would directly benefit the state’s citizens.

Thank you for your time and consideration. God Bless Texas.

Sincerely,

Marc Anthony Berry

General Manager, Just Smoke Rowlett

Sarah Johnson

Self

Leander, TX

As a cancer survivor, I am against Senate Bill (SB) 3. I can appreciate the intent to prevent the sale of intoxicating THC products to minors and to ensure consumer safety through proper labeling and packaging requirements. Protecting children from accidental exposure is a necessity, however SB 3 goes far beyond that scope. SB 3 is overly broad and its restrictions harm Texas businesses, unnecessarily criminalize legal hemp products, and limit access for adults who rely on nonintoxicating hemp for medical relief. The bill bans all THC-containing hemp products except for CBD and CBG, even though MANY other nonintoxicating hemp strains are used legally and safely. This bill puts a financial strain on business owners by requiring costly additional processing to eliminate even trace amounts of THC, making it difficult for small businesses to survive. SB 3 restricts access for veterans and other Texans like myself who rely on nonintoxicating hemp products, such as CBD lotion, for pain management and other medical needs. I am a breast cancer survivor and topical lotions have helped treat my neuropathy and joint pain caused by chemotherapy while consumable gummies have helped with overall inflammation and insomnia. These over-the-counter products have been instrumental in improving the numerous side effects from my cancer treatment. By raising the legal purchasing age to 21, the bill prohibits young adults—including military personnel or cancer patients under 21—from purchasing CBD products that help manage pain, anxiety, and PTSD symptoms. This restriction lacks scientific justification, and there is no scientific evidence that nonintoxicating products pose a risk to adults 18 to 21. It is “reefer madness” all over again. While I support efforts to prevent deceptive marketing to minors, as reflected in Zaffirini s’ SB 1103, SB 3 goes too far by criminalizing legal, nonintoxicating hemp products. It is possible to regulate consumable hemp in a way that protects consumers, supports responsible businesses, and ensures access for those who rely on these products for medical relief.

Maria Lopez

Self

San Marcos, TX

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Emily De La Garza

Headrush smoke shop

Freer, TX

I oppose

Emily De La Garza

Self

Freer, TX

I oppose

Ruben Meza

Wow Deliveries LLC

ALAMO, TX

As a business owner in Texas we rely on THC sales to provide relief to those who needs it and it helps support my family financially. Banning will only force Texans to resort back to the streets and finance the cartels. Even even 1 death is reported if this ban goes through it will solely be as a result of SB3. Marijuana Laced fentanyl will make it's way across and will kill Texans because they are forced to buy Unregulated and Untested products. We are not going away as an industry and it's time to regulate and tax these products that have again no recorded deaths. We finally have a chance to control how the industry will shape Texas in the next decade and it feels We took one step forward and with this bill it will be like walking a mile back. So please and I can't stress this enough VOTE NO TO SB3!!

Teya Davalos, Mrs

Self

Schertz, TX

This product has been a life saving line for me . In health and mental health. It helped and saved me. Taking medication from a doctor made me sick weak unable to eat drink or sleep. Medication made me want to cause harm to myself. Instead of taking all of those medications being able to have access to products of this kind it saved my life and multiple people I know.

Courtney Johnson

Citizens of Texas

Fort Worth, TX

It's unfair and against our human rights to take any further action against hemp products and THC containing products. This product doesn't dinner the damage alcohol does and it helps the economy far more. Prohibition on Cannabis needs to end here in Texas just like over half of the country including our neighboring States.

Eric Wallace

self

Austin, TX

As a lifelong Texas resident, I opposed SB3. A complete ban on THC products would not only cripple the Texas economy greatly but it would also put over forty thousand residents out of a job.

Bans have historically not been effective. What this ban will do is drive the sell of THC products to an unregulated black market. This kicks open the door for tampered or tainted products to get into the hands of children. A ban like this does not make THC products disappear from the streets, it will simply drive it underground and add yet another burden on an already strained police force while only causing it to become a danger to everyone else.

Morgan Fulton

Self

Gladewater, TX

I oppose this bill as a resident of Texas.

Q Starr

Self

Dallas, TX

Stop trying to fill prisons to line your pockets!

jesse allen

self / the comic releaf

austin, TX

I oppose due harsh regulations

Dina Duarte

Self

San Antonio, TX

Opposed

Sidni Holder
Self, Interior Designer
Austin, TX

Oppose

Dylan Maxey
Self
Haslet, TX

I rise to oppose SB 3, a bill to ban hemp that imperils Texas' economic vigor, scientific progress, and individual liberty. While its proponents may seek to shield public health, this measure sacrifices reason for restriction, ignoring evidence and opportunity in equal measure.

Economically, hemp is no mere footnote. This industry sustains thousands—farmers tilling our soil, entrepreneurs crafting products, retailers fueling local commerce—injecting millions into our state. A ban would not protect; it would dismantle, driving jobs to freer markets beyond our borders. Supporters may cite risks, yet regulated hemp has proven safe, its growth a testament to Texas' ingenuity. Can we afford to smother a sector thriving under scrutiny?

Scientifically, the case falters further. Hemp's cannabinoids—CBD and beyond—offer relief from pain, anxiety, and seizures, backed by peer-reviewed studies. The "entourage effect" of these compounds amplifies their promise, a natural synergy a ban would sever. Even advocates of caution must concede: patients turning to hemp often reduce reliance on opioids, a crisis Texas knows too well. Why deny this lifeline?

Finally, liberty hangs in the balance. Texans prize the right to choose—be it in markets or medicine. SB 3 presumes our incompetence, stripping access to a plant cultivated safely under existing law. Education and enforcement, not prohibition, honor our values. I urge you: reject this bill, and let Texas remain a land of freedom and foresight.

Edward Gutierrez
Self
Garland, TX

Let the people of Texas vote. It should not be decided by MAGA GOP.

Kain Duarte, patient
self
san antonio, TX

I support SB 3 because I believe Texas needs clear, consistent regulation of hemp-derived cannabinoids — not bans. Regulation ensures product safety, protects consumers, and keeps businesses accountable.

I also support this bill as a step in the right direction toward the full legalization of marijuana in Texas. The public overwhelmingly supports access to cannabis for both medical and responsible adult use. By creating a legal and regulated framework, Texas can reduce black market activity, generate tax revenue, and protect public health.

Please make sure this bill keeps hemp-derived cannabinoids legal and accessible while moving us toward broader cannabis legalization. I encourage lawmakers to take bold steps toward a future where cannabis is responsibly regulated not criminalized.

Alejandra Lopez
Self
La Grange, TX
Oppose

Steven Rivas, Mr.

Self

Austin, TX

I do not support SB 3. There is no hospital or pre-hospital nor law enforcement data detailing mass problems with the current THC regulations. Further, hemp businesses have been more than willing to work with the legislature to enact baseline standards for production and other regulatory efforts. The fact is that the industry is a multi-billion dollar revenue generator for Texas. Simply put: if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Zack Reed

The Hemp Corner

Eastland, TX

No

Emily Kirtner

Self and Farm

Elmendorf, TX

Please do not take my medicine away.

Texas has come so far in its policies and to see it go backwards with the passing of these bills is disturbing. We're talking about a plant. We're not talking about anything more.

The fact that Texas is trying to control something that was put here by God and it's original form, is disheartening.

I personally have experienced much relief from anxiety and depression by consuming the natural plant.

Please do not take my medicine away.

Preston Miller

Self

Austin, TX

Please do not criminalize or ban safe and legal THC products for law abiding Texans. Regulate and tax them. Research shows that these products are much safer than alcohol and many veterans use them as an alternative to opioids and alcohol. Texans deserve legislation based on science and safety, not scare tactics and fear mongering.

Jesse Prado

Self

Katy, TX

Legal Texas grown hemp has done wonders not only for myself but for hundreds if not thousands of Texans. The benefits of hemp have long been studied and used for years and Texans have enjoyed the benefits of this plant since the Farm Bill passed in 2017. I agree that the market should be regulated, as a responsible user, I cannot advise towards anything but, but the solution isn't to ban hemp outright, but rather to regulate it in a safe and responsible way that will allow both consumers and producers to continue benefiting from hemp. I would also like to note that handing over regulation to TABC does not seem like a right call and will overall lead to a market being ruined by Texas Alcohol. I am witness to many friends, family and acquaintances that have benefited and treated illnesses and conditions like chronic pain, severe insomnia, anorexia and mild to severe depression. It's no mystery or secret that America has an opioid crisis, an ongoing battle with substances that are far more harmful to the communities here in Texas. Turning thousands of Texans into criminals will not help solve that issue, and will only further exacerbate strained resources and continue to perpetuate harmful stereotyping and disproportional sentencing of minorities for minor offenses and possession of items that have widely been decriminalized in some of the largest metros of Texas. This will only proliferate the illegal markets and increase the amount of unsafe, unmarked, unsourced items in Texas to make up for this. As a responsible, above 21, educated third generation Texan, I ask that this be reconsidered and continue to benefit myself and all the Texans that benefit from consumable Texas Hemp that fits the regulations stated in the 2017 Farm Bill.

Thank you,

Jesse

Linda McNiesh

Self

Temple, TX

I oppose this

Donald McNiesh

Self / teacher

Temple, TX

I oppose SB

Brian Giglio
Self
San Antonio, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 proposed by Senator Perry, which seeks to further restrict access to cannabis in Texas. This issue hits close to home for me. I have witnessed firsthand how medical marijuana helped family members in New York successfully cope with cancer treatments. Now my wife is battling the same devastating illness here in Texas, yet we find ourselves jumping through hoops to explore options under the Compassionate Use Program. Frankly, it is heartbreaking and frustrating to see how limited and restrictive this program is, especially when we know that safe access to medical cannabis made such a positive difference for my loved one up north.

My wife deals with crippling side effects from her cancer and medical marijuana has been shown to alleviate nausea, reduce pain, and improve overall quality of life for countless patients. The potential benefits for her are simply too important to ignore. We should not be forced into complicated legal gray areas just to find a solution that has already proven effective elsewhere.

Restricting or limiting the legal and medicinal use of cannabis is not serving Texans. It is nonsense that, in 2025, we are still having to beg for the right to use a substance that has helped people in New York, California, Colorado, and many other places. Every day that patients wait or battle unnecessary legal barriers is another day spent in unnecessary pain.

Compassionate Use Program expansions are better than nothing, but they are nowhere near enough for Texans who need genuine access to medical cannabis. If my wife had the kind of legal, regulated, and sensible cannabis policies we have seen in other states, her treatment options would be vastly improved. Instead, we are fighting red tape and stigma at a time when she should be concentrating on getting well.

The bottom line is that medical decisions need to be made by patients and their doctors, not by politicians. Senate Bill 3 would leave many Texans in even more difficult circumstances, all under the guise of "protecting public health." Based on my own family's experience, it is clear that well-regulated cannabis programs can protect both public health and the people who rely on it to manage serious illnesses. Texas should move forward, not backward, when it comes to medical cannabis legislation.

In closing, I urge lawmakers to stand up for the hundreds of thousands of Texans who need legal and reliable access to medical marijuana. My wife deserves the same relief and medical autonomy that my loved one in New York received. The time has come to recognize that these policies should be guided by compassion and common sense, not fear or outdated misconceptions. Let us pass smart, equitable laws that affirm the well-being and dignity of patients above all else.

Kyle Belknap
Self
New Braunfels, TX

This Bill goes against everything Texans stand for. The freedom to choose. The freedom to be in control of our own decisions and lives. For too long this PLANT has been treated like an evil low down thing, and it's time we grow up and realize that we can regulate this BOOMING market just like alcohol. On top of treating the general population like children and pretending the majority of YOUR population doesn't support this, we have hardworking TEXANS that will be out of a business because people think the devils lettuce is coming for their kids. This isn't high-school football. We don't all have to do windsprints because only a few aren't doing the right thing. 8 BILLION dollar industry with more than 8300 businesses, to deprive people of something they've spent their life savings on to grow, and then it does become successful and a politician comes and goes "nope, you're a bad person start another business" seems like the least TEXAN thing a person can do. Again, I'm all for separate buildings that have better security or containers that are child-proof, more regulation is not a bad thing but just wanting to snap your fingers and go "i know better than you" is not the way to do this. The popular vote is out for people a majority of Texans think this should be a regulated market of some kind it's time we get with the times or get voted out. Thank you for reading this, I appreciate yall representing us! Remember the Alamo

Michael Wilson
Self / Consulting
Cypress, TX

As a disabled veteran, I RELY on the gummies I purchase to be able to sleep. Without them, I have issues with my PTSD, and pain that prevent me sleeping more than a couple of hours. I only use them to go to sleep. Making this illegal would be severely detrimental to mine and many others mental and physical health. Having these low dosage and low potency capabilities is essential. I am begging you to please take this into consideration.

Rebecca Butler
Self
Texarkana, TX

Over the last few years I've known several people, friends and family that were able to buy and attain hemp products because it was the ONLY way to relieve the pain they were feeling when prescription meds no longer worked. A very close family member went through chemo treatments for breast cancer and hemp products helped her through her pain and several other side effects of chemo.

Justin Williams
Self/ retail store owner
Aledo, TX

SB3 and HB28 pose a serious threat to Texas' thriving \$5.5 billion industry, which helps thousands of clients and provides jobs to over 53,000 people. If passed, these bills would lead to the closure of more than 8500 stores and push consumers to an unregulated black market, creating serious public safety concerns.

The proposed bills fail to acknowledge the success of current regulations, which already ensure product safety while allowing businesses to thrive. Instead of crippling the industry, there should be a focus on introducing reasonable regulations that balance consumer protection with economic growth. Common-sense measures like age verification, childproof packaging, and credible third-party certificates of analysis would improve safety standards without eliminating products or jobs.

Furthermore, the proposed registration requirement for retailers is an unnecessary and burdensome regulation. If a product registration database is required, the responsibility should lie with the manufacturers, not the retailers. Retailers should not be held accountable for tracking every product in a complex system, especially when they do not control the manufacturing process. Shifting this responsibility to manufacturers ensures accountability and a more efficient system.

The financial impact of these bills would be devastating, not just to businesses but also to the individuals who depend on these jobs. From store clerks to warehouse employees, the industry's workforce includes thousands of Texans who rely on their positions to support their families. These bills threaten to eliminate these jobs without providing viable alternatives or support for those who would be displaced.

Additionally, if these bills were to push the industry into the black market, consumers would be exposed to unregulated and potentially dangerous products. Without proper oversight, harmful products could flood the market, putting consumers at greater risk. This undermines the goal of protecting public health and safety.

Instead of pushing for extreme measures that could decimate an entire industry, lawmakers should focus on practical solutions that protect public health while preserving jobs and businesses. By implementing reasonable regulations like age verification, childproof packaging, and accredited third-party testing, lawmakers can ensure product safety and public well-being without causing unnecessary harm to the economy.

In conclusion, SB3 and HB28 threaten to destroy a successful industry, eliminate thousands of jobs, and push consumers toward a dangerous black market. Rather than imposing overreaching bans, lawmakers should focus on sensible regulations that protect both public health and the economy. Manufacturers, not retailers, should be responsible for product registration, and common-sense safety standards should be the priority to ensure a safe and thriving market.

Dorothy Callahan, Ms.

self. retired

Austin, TX

This potential law banning THC is what should be banned! I am among the almost 70% of the people of Texas who support the use of hemp derived cannabinoids. I don't stand behind this law that would ban these products.

Natica Rivera

Self

San Antonio, TX

Seeing how hemp-derived products have immensely help my elderly father, who is a 24 year veteran of the USAF and also 20 year VA civilian servant, decline in mobility due to service related disability and complications relating to a stroke and who refuses to be a victim to prescription narcotics, use hemp-derived products and see how it has helped him with his pain control, allowing more independence, being able to avoid surgery, and thriving in life, which is something amazing and been able to obtain prior to his microdosing of hemp-derived products. I have my father back, mind body, and soul. Don't take that away from me, or him.

Virginia Kuroda

Self- Artist

Georgetown, TX

Voting NO

Michel Tuckwood

Self/ Educator

San Antonio, TX

My name is Michel Tuckwood,

I am a Social Studies teacher in San Antonio and I am the spouse of a person employed by Texas Canna Farms.

My wife is really happy with her production job, it is a job in which she is well paid and finds meaning. She helps produce Delta 8 and 9 gummies, ointments and oils all of which would be prohibited if this bill passes the TX House of Representatives. My wife working in the Hemp/ Cannabis industry has changed our lives, helping us save a bit of extra money to help cut down on the student loans which helped me become an Educator, helping us raise four rescue animals and allowing us to pay for my mounting medical expenses. If this bill passes, my wife would be out of a job before September comes around and our lives would be disrupted. While she could find another job, her skills in chemistry and Delta 8/9 Hemp production would be difficult to transfer across industries resulting in a likelihood of lower wage offerings and that we would face a massive income setback.

I am a chronic pain sufferer who works closely with a pain management clinic in order to continue my career as a High School educator, not only has my wife's employment within the Cannabis industry greatly improved and benefitted my life but so has the personal use of Delta 8 and 9 products. These ointments, gummies and oils allow for me to be a more productive member of society while reducing my prescription opioid dependance which can cause me additionally painful side effects. Due to my chronic pain, I have developed a vomiting syndrome that has interrupted my daily life, reduces my ability to work and increases my dependance on opioid painkillers and 5-HT3 antagonists in order to survive, work and lead a meaningful life.

Please consider the working families who depend on this thriving industry to make ends meet and the population of disabled or chronically ill Texas residents who greatly benefit from access to Delta 8/9 products and do not qualify for the very strict Texas Compassionate Use Program.

Thank you so much, I will anxiously await this decision.

Michel I Tuckwood.

David Rock

Self

Garland, TX

I oppose HB28 and SB3 on the grounds that these bill violate the principles of limited government on which this Country was founded and would kill an industry that employs 50,000 people and generates 4 Billion dollars in revenue and 250 million dollars in tax revenue. It is not the government's job to tell me or any other citizen how much THC to ingest. If the legislature wishes to regulate anything, it should be packaging, age restrictions and lab testing. Restrict sale of any intoxicating products to consumers aged 21 or older. Require packages to have warning labels and not mimic any other non-intoxicating products. Require the milligram dosage of any intoxicating product to be within 3 milligrams of the advertised dosage on the package. Trying to ban an already established industry does not advance the prosperity or freedom of Texans. Our liberties do not end, where teenage ignorance and incompetence begins. For if we allow the siren's song of safetyism that echos from the mouths of grieving mothers to dictate the limits of our natural rights, we will soon have none left.

Alisha Jurkevicz

Self

Round Rock, TX

Hemp products have been helpful for my mental health, helping manage my stress and anxiety, inflammation for muscle pain, and a handful of other benefits. Passing this bill would put thousands of businesses under and people out of jobs. It is bettering our community by helping people reduce anxiety and stress in supportive, non-medicated ways, not to mention it is a booming industry \$.

Christina Anderson

Self

Spring, TX

Legalize it, we the people oppose this bill

Jennifer Collins

Self

Wichita Falls, TX

This would harm the already established businesses in this industry. Consumable hemp is safer than alcohol.

Andrea Wimberley

self and Texas Cannabis Coalition

Katy, TX

I am against SB 3. I believe any type of prohibition only leads to more profits for the black market and less safe products being sold due to no regulations being in place. Banning THC and other cannabinoids will not stop people from using them, it will only make them buy their products from the black market or from other states. It also takes business and profits away from Texans. If SB 3 passes, consumers will still buy the products, they will simply buy them from the black market or out of state, where Texas will see no profit. Therefore, this bill solves nothing. All it does is hurt Texans. It takes away from profitable Texas businesses, and will make innocent consumers criminals.

Lanna Varela

Self

Crandall, TX

Texas needs the hemp industry! Regulate THC instead of criminalizing it! I am from Washington state where it's been legal since 2012 and the hemp Industry brought in \$315 million dollars in 2017 to WA state! Can you imagine what it'll do for Texas? Vote against SB3!!

Anas Muja
Myself
Houston, TX

I'm against SB3 and really hope lawmakers take a step back before moving forward with it. Hemp has brought a lot of positive things to Texas — it's helped small businesses grow, created jobs across the state, and given people access to natural products for things like anxiety, sleep, and pain relief. Products like CBD and delta-8 have helped a lot of folks without needing prescriptions or heavy meds. Instead of banning them, we should be supporting safe, well-regulated access. Killing the hemp industry with this bill would hurt farmers, shop owners, and customers alike. Vote no on SB3 and protect something that's actually helping Texans.

Landon Lockhart, Dr.
Self / geologist
Houston, TX

I strongly support SB 3. THC is a psychoactive compound that causes intoxication; sobriety strengthens society.

Desmond Schroeder
Self unemployed
Dallas, TX

I oppose this

Cali Kosack
Self
Haltom city, TX

There are so many medical benefits to thc that you are taking away from people that can benefit. Not to mention the revenue it would bring to this state. There is a reason blue states bring in more money. If you're going to take away thc you may as well take away guns and alcohol. Since they kill FAR MORE people.

Ashley Vazquez
Self
Dallas, TX

Thc and cbd has it's cons when it comes to helping people with health issues. It's always been a medicine.

Alexis Davis
Self
Austin, TX
NO DECLINE

Mason Ice
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill. I rely on these products for sleep/anxiety/etc. taking these products away from Texans would be detrimental to our economy and would only fuel a black market.

Jesse Magers
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

The majority of Texans, including myself, support the legalization of THC. This bill will do nothing but destroy small businesses and deprive the citizens of a safer alternative to alcohol to relax with.

Riley Stockton

self

Denton, TX

Hemp products in Texas allow for substantial financial growth within local communities. The 8 Billion dollar industry allows for schools, libraries, and public facilities to be better and more available to all citizens. Please take into account the effectiveness of these products for PTSD survivors, and how its access has allowed for a healthier and quicker recovery process than many go through without it.

April Ames

Self, homemaker

PLANTERSVILLE, TX

This witch hunt has to end! It is proven that cannabis helps people, heals people, and provides jobs and tax revenue for Texans. I personally use delta 8 and 9 for my chronic pain, stress, and anxiety. Please, do not take away this wonderful, God-given plant from Texas. Promote it. Legalize it. It's 2025. Nobody thinks it's bad anymore, and they're correct. It's wonderful. It's an alternative to alcohol, which really does destroy lives. Do y'all have nothing better to do!?

Mackenzie Buchanan

Self - VP of Operations at Bucanna Labs

AUSTIN, TX

I am writing to urge you to oppose any ban on hemp-derived products in Texas. As both a patient and a business owner in the hemp industry, I have firsthand experience with how life-changing these products can be—and how broken Texas's medical cannabis program is.

I was 15 years old when a required vaccine triggered my seizures. I was placed on countless pharmaceuticals, suffering side effects that stole my quality of life. When my family moved to Colorado, I finally found relief with hemp and cannabis—going from multiple seizures a day to zero. It gave me my life back.

That's why I built my business in Texas—to help others find the same relief I did. But now, Texas is considering banning the very products that patients depend on. If this happens, I will take my business, my employees, and my tax dollars elsewhere. Do you really want to hand all that revenue to another state?

I have also worked inside the Texas Compassionate Use Program (TCUP), including at Texas Original. I saw firsthand how neglected and exploited patients are under this system. The outrageous prices force patients to choose between their health and their finances. I watched Texas Original and Goodblend cut corners, lie to patients, and break regulations—even buying products from out of state while calling hemp "unsafe." If the state is going to crack down on anything, why not hold the medical program accountable instead of targeting the hemp industry?

Hemp and medical cannabis can coexist. Instead of banning hemp, Texas should be implementing:

? Stronger regulations – Childproof packaging, 21+ age restrictions, and safety testing for hemp products.

? Medical cannabis reform – Fair pricing so patients don't have to suffer or leave Texas for care.

A ban will not make these products disappear—it will push them into the black market or into other states' economies. Just like alcohol prohibition, this will fail.

I urge you to stand with Texans, not monopolies like Texas Original and Goodblend. Regulate, don't ban.

Kaitlyn St.Clair

Self

Temple, TX

As a Texan and supporter of small businesses, I strongly oppose SB3 and HB28.

These bills threaten the legal hemp industry in our state—an industry built on the backs of hardworking entrepreneurs who are following current regulations, creating jobs, and providing safe, tested alternatives to adult consumers.

Instead of rushing to restrict or ban products, we should be focused on common sense regulations that ensure safety, transparency, and responsible access—without crushing small businesses or sending jobs and tax revenue out of Texas.

Please stand with the thousands of Texas workers, veterans, farmers, and patients who rely on this industry. Say no to SB3 and HB28.

Rhonda White

Self

Fairfield, TX

I vote NO to SBC. Stop Senate Bill 3.

Paul Hibbard

Self

Plano, TX

I am very concerned about the passing of this bill. I have come to rely on Hemp based cannabinoids to keep my my chronic back pain and migraines in check. If these are banned I will not be able to work nor support my family. I have gone from missing upwards of 4 months a year due to chronic pain to 2-3 weeks in the past 7 years of using hemp products. Banning cannabinoids will only serve to criminalize me for choosing to use a safe and natural pain medication over highly addictive and often lethal treatments. My back pain would require opioids or some other addictive drug and the migraine treatments are know for causing serious heart issues. Resorting to these would render me unable to work and will lead me to am early death. The fact that texas is considering banning a safe and natural medication only shows it's elected officials do not care for the wellbeing and safety of its citizens. I am not wanting to vote democrat but I will If the ban goes through.

kirsten budwine
Texas Civil Rights Project
Manvel, TX

My name is Kirsten Budwine, and I am a policy attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project, writing in opposition to SB 3 — specifically because of its harsh and unnecessary criminal penalties related to hemp products.

SB 3 would impose criminal penalties for the manufacture, sale, or possession of certain cannabinoids that are currently legal under Texas law.

Texas already struggles with an overburdened criminal legal system. We should not be using taxpayer dollars to prosecute individuals for non-violent, low-level hemp offenses. Especially when regulation, not criminalization, is the more effective and fair way to ensure product safety and age control.

This is not just bad policy, it's a step backward into the failed logic of the War on Drugs. For decades, we've seen how criminalizing cannabis and its derivatives has devastated communities, disproportionately impacted people of color, and burdened our courts and prisons with non-violent people. SB 3 risks reigniting that cycle under the guise of regulating hemp. But what it really does is turn a regulatory issue into a criminal one.

We are finally at a point where Texans across the political spectrum are calling for cannabis reform, for smart regulation, and for relief from outdated criminal laws. This bill flies in the face of that progress.

I urge this committee to reject the punitive provisions in SB 3. Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past. Let's choose regulation over criminalization and progress over punishment

Walter Elliott
Self
Greenville, TX

I am against banning of THC products. Texas has the lowest personal liberty in the US. I reject the nanny state. Give us liberty!

Richelle Alexander
Self
Spring, TX

I oppose this bill as it is going in the wrong direction. Get with a program Texas and legalize THC. Make laws and set limits of the amount you purchase per day. Also allow citizens to grow up to three plants per person per household as many other states have done. Keep hemp products and CBD legal in the state of Texas.

Tatiana Salazar
Self,
Fort worth, TX

Senate Bill 3 is a regressive, economically damaging, and unnecessary piece of legislation that threatens Texas's hemp industry, consumer freedoms, and public safety. Rather than banning hemp-derived THC products outright, Texas lawmakers should focus on implementing responsible regulations that protect both consumers and businesses.

Shakeel Wafa
Hi smoke
Austin, TX

We texan are not want the bann of hemp products.

Alicia Valtierra
Self/Store Manager
Little Elm, TX

Hello my name is Alicia Leighann Valtierra and I am writing this comment to OPPOSE HB28. I am a 27 year old hard working employee in the Texas Legal Hemp Industry. I strongly encourage you to VOTE NO on HB28 as it has direct impacts on my life as a voter in this state. I am over 21 years of age and am a legal consumer of hemp in this state. This bill will impact not only my career but my livelihood as a resident in this state. I depend on the hemp industry to help pay my bills, and i'm an extremely educated person and only love to help educate others on hemp based products. Hemp really doesn't harm anyone, Again PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB28

Alicia Valtierra
Self/ Store Manager
Little Elm, TX

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Conner Strube
Self
Aubrey, TX

Hello everyone. My name is Conner Strube, I'm 30 y/o, and I have been working in the legal hemp market for 8 years. I have worked in this industry for numerous reasons but what drives me in this industry is how my team and I help hundreds of people with the products we sell.

This hasn't just helped my customers, but also my personal family/friends as well. Many members of my family have taken hemp to help for numerous reasons; some more severe than others. With these products helping the individuals close to me; it has pushed me to help educate others and give knowledge of the benefits hemp can provide.

We have always followed every state protocol, work with local law enforcement, and even talk with organizations that work to stop underage selling of products. We care about the community and always strive to be a leading example for others.

I believe we have done quite a bit in the years of being a company; we have always talked about proper testing with our customers and educated them on how different hemp based products could affect them. We know this industry has given so many people the opportunity to heal, legally, and taking this away will be catastrophic for more people than you know.

I really hope you consider the lives this will affect and hope you all vote NO to SB3. Thank you

Apryl Forrest
Puff Love
Dallas, TX

Hemp products help Texas in many ways, economically and medicinally. It would be a waste to lose it.

Shehzad Maheraly, Manager

Dragon Smoke Shop

Carrollton, TX

Hi

I am a store manager for a smoke shop and I would like to say that we don't need to Ban THC but we need to have a better system. We run a very clean operation, we have the signs on our door for "21 and over old", our point of sale (Register) has ID verification scan and we make sure that we check ID.

We all need to be responsible store operators and those who don't want to follow simple precautions should pay a heavy fine but because of the actions of few don't punish the entire industry.

I hope the panel will come up with a solid solution that be good for the community and good for our future. I would suggest that

- 1) THC products be sold in 21 years and older stores only,
- 2) Better control on manufacturing and follow the standards
- 3) Mandatory ID scan capable POS allowed only
- 4) Mandatory online training for all employees and owners to get certification from the state.
- 5) strict penalties for repeat offenders

I hope the panel will take these suggestions seriously. If we start to Ban items from the adult market then soon we will ban cars and Alcohol bcs kids have access to those too.

Unfortunately a high kid in Frisco was stabbed to death, so should the state ban Knives bcs kids have access to knives? As u can see Banning is not the solution but to come up with a compressive plan is what is need.

Thank you.

Rio Parr

Self /

Plano, TX

Oppose HB28 & SB3 – Protect Texas Jobs, Patients, and Consumer Choice

HB28 is nothing more than an alcohol monopoly in disguise. It threatens to destroy an industry that provides immense value to Texans, as proven by its widespread demand. SB3, on the other hand, is poorly written and would have equally devastating consequences.

Let's set the record straight: We are NOT an unregulated industry.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) requires hemp businesses to register, pay fees, conduct product testing, undergo inspections, and comply with FDA food safety standards. Additionally, state law mandates potency testing, with results made publicly available through Certificates of Analysis (COAs).

Instead of banning safe and beneficial products, lawmakers should focus on enforcing the robust regulations already in place. Our industry is deeply committed to public safety, with strict product testing, age restrictions, and child-resistant packaging.

These products are essential for many Texans—veterans, seniors, and those with serious health needs.

For them, full-spectrum products and higher doses aren't just preferences; they're necessities. If HB28 and SB3 pass, Texans who rely on tinctures and other critical products will lose access to what they need most.

This isn't about "synthetics" or safety concerns—it's about misinformation.

Compounds like Delta-8 and CBN occur naturally in cannabis plants and have well-documented therapeutic benefits. Calling them synthetic is misleading and a scare tactic. These cannabinoids are the reason so many people find relief from their symptoms.

The industry at stake supports: 753,000 jobs & \$238+ million in tax contributions to Texas.

I'm sure you or someone you know uses these products on a consistent basis that helps them. You are fully aware a ban is not the solution, regulation is.

Jeffie Willis

self

Waco, TX

By taking away our rights to THC and Hemp Products our quality of life is at stake. We purchase our products at a very reputable shop that educates us and is doing it right with proper testing, so a few bad apples should not spoil the bunch. The products you are wanting to ban help my family greatly in reducing pain without opioids and reducing body tremors far better than any pharmaceutical.

Shawna Hower

Self Disabled

Crockett, TX

I'm a cancer patient with PTSD, neuropathy & irreversible neurology issues Medicinal Marijuana has saved my life! If Texas goes backwards on this issue, I'll be selling the house my dad died in & moving to Colorado! Critical thinking skills & research need to be a subject discussed in this matter. I can't believe how backwards Texans are on this subject.

Ashley Rothberg

Self

Tomball, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Texas Senate Bill 3. As a resident of Texas, a social worker, and a licensed chemical dependency counselor, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that CBD and CBG have had on both my life and the lives of my pets.

My elderly husky, who suffers from arthritis and anxiety, has experienced significant relief thanks to the use of CBD and CBG. These natural remedies have not only extended his life but have also brought much-needed calm to our household. Similarly, I have found CBD to be an effective and non-addictive alternative to prescription medications for managing my own anxiety. Unlike benzodiazepines such as Valium, which are known for their addictive properties, CBD offers a safer option without the risk of dependency.

As a professional in the field of chemical dependency counseling, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences of restricting access to CBD and CBG. These substances provide a natural and effective means of managing anxiety and other conditions, and their benefits should not be overlooked. The proposed legislation would not only limit access to these valuable treatments but also force individuals to seek potentially addictive prescription medications, which could exacerbate the very issues we aim to address.

I urge you to consider the numerous benefits that CBD and CBG offer and to recognize the importance of maintaining access to these natural remedies. By opposing Texas Senate Bill 3, we can ensure that individuals and their pets continue to benefit from these safe and effective treatments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will take my concerns into account and vote against Texas Senate Bill 3. Sincerely,

Ashley Rothberg

Carolina Ayala

Self

Kyle, TX

I share concerns about youth access and potentially dangerous products sailing under the radar of regulators, but we oppose banning THC for responsible adult use. Such a ban would hand this multi-billion dollar industry over to the illicit market, abandoning all opportunity to enforce regulations. A total ban would only hurt the good actors and place businesses taking responsible actions and remove them from the market entirely. As someone who is now sober 2 years from alcohol, I can first hand see the good in accessibility to regulated and legal THC. My husband and his partners have a distribution company that takes every precaution, and only sells to responsible businesses that regulate sales and IDs. I would like to see clearly stated regulations. This is the only way to place the "bad actors" out of business while allowing self regulated, responsible, small business to continue to provide a safe product for responsible adults. My husband and I are both from Texas, born and raised, and vote. We have never been involved in Texas politics before, but now we have every intention of staying up to date in involved in out local and state elections. State government should not be able to decimate an entire industry that is federally legal, and goes against republican signed and a federally legal business in a free market. We plan on attending on April 7th as this will impact our livelihoods and that of our friends and fellow small business owners. I think this proposal is an over reaction and will only harm responsible adults and vulnerable minors.

Mary Collom

Self

Magnolia, TX

CBD/CBG have been the only thing that helps my osteoarthritis I use the tincture and salve at night with no ill effects other than pain relief. I believe that as a lucid 73 old woman I should be able to buy this for pain relief.

Lucinda Nichols

Self

Dallas, TX

I rely on these products to manage my anxiety and osteoarthritis. They are safer and more effective than medicines. Please do not make hemp products illegal.

Amy Calhoun

Self

Bryan, TX

Make it legal and tax it just like alcohol is!

tiffany salazar

self

VICTORIA, TX

Texans believe in freedom and personal choice — these bills go against that. Hemp is already regulated by the state — we don't need more restrictions

I use hemp derived products to help ease the intensity of my extreme anxiety. It is a safer alternative to strong SSRIs and SNRIs, benzodiazepines, and other medications like buspirone and beta-blockers that come with a litany of serious harmful side effects. Thank you.

Joshua Ivie

Self, Salesperson

Pasadena, TX

I Joshua Ivie oppose this bill because strictly regulating delta hemp products would limit access to a safe, natural alternative that many Texans depend on for relief from chronic pain, anxiety, and other conditions—especially those who have chosen delta over addictive prescription medications, finding effective results without harmful side effects

Erick Eboehi

Self

Houston, TX

I oppose this bill personally because I have family who have invested in the hemp industry and its made them some good money. Instead of an outright ban I'd suggest more regulation and enforcement of standardized packaging

Triston West

Self/sales

Stafford, TX

Limiting the distribution of THC and hemp products in Texas could restrict access for consumers who rely on them for medical and wellness purposes. It may also push people toward unregulated markets, increasing health risks from unsafe products. Additionally, it would stifle the growth of the hemp industry, which can create jobs and boost the economy. Overall, such limitations could negatively impact health, safety, and economic opportunities in the state.

Axel Cervantes

Self

Watauga, TX

Texans are against this. None of his facts were true.

Julio Rodriguez, Mr.
self and general manager
New braunfels, TX

I oppose bill SB3 because all it will do is strengthen the black market and make it more harmful for people to get the medication that they will get regardless of if this bill is passed or not

Matt Brinker
Self
Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill. Texas has built a thriving hemp market that provides jobs, tax revenue and access to safe, legal products for responsible adults. Restrictive measures risk stifling innovation, driving businesses out of state, and limiting consumer choice. We stand ready to work with lawmakers to ensure common-sense regulation that balances public safety with economic opportunity.

Alexander Flores
Self
Richardson, TX

I strongly support the state regulation of consumable hemp products and the hemp-derived cannabinoids contain in those products, requiring registration, imposing fees, creating appropriate criminal offenses and providing an administrative penalty for misuse. Too many law-abiding, tax-paying, criminality-free responsible adults consume these types of products since becoming legally available in our state. Responsible use and regulation is just as attainable as it is for nicotine products and alcohol, both of which are responsible for vast numbers of deaths and related deaths, criminal activity, and other contributors to malfeasance. Thank you.

Joshua Ellis
Self, Catering
Plano, TX

As a former and first employee of Delta 8 Denton I have seen the impact of hemp products on the community. Countless people were veterans, elders, etc looking for aid for their pains, ptsd, and more. There is no Detriment, there is no downside. Money to be made, taxes to collect, people to help, communities to be built. Those who use it non medically- why not have a safer vice than alcohol? Is the prejudice too much?

Alex De Leon
Self
Houston, TX

I ask that you oppose this bill. The hemp industry has been a tremendous asset to helping recovering veterans and Texans, like myself. This bill is taking away Texans rights to address personal issues in a powering way. Please vote no.

Emily Wilpitz
Self
Dallas, TX

Please pass this bill! THC is harmful and we do not need to make it easier for people to access it or make money off of it.

Ryan Rocco, Mr
Self - QA Manager
Devine, TX

As a responsible adult who relies on hemp products to manage my anxiety and depression, I strongly oppose SB3 and HB28 in Texas. These bills threaten to undermine a safe, natural, and effective option that has been a lifeline for me and countless others. I'm not chasing a high or breaking any laws—I'm simply trying to live a healthier, more balanced life. Hemp-derived products, like CBD, have given me relief where other treatments fell short, without the harsh side effects of pharmaceuticals or the stigma of illicit substances.

I've done my research, followed the rules, and made informed choices as a consumer. The 2019 Texas Hemp Bill opened a door for people like me to access these products legally, and it's been a game-changer. But SB3 and HB28 feel like a step backward—punishing responsible users by tightening restrictions and potentially criminalizing something that's helped me regain control of my mental health. Anxiety and depression aren't trivial; they're battles I fight every day, and hemp has been a steady ally in that struggle.

I urge lawmakers to consider the real people behind these policies—not just numbers or hypotheticals, but Texans like me who depend on hemp for well-being. Overregulating or banning these products doesn't protect anyone; it strips away a vital tool for those of us managing real challenges. Please, don't take away my right to choose what works for me. Oppose SB3 and HB28, and let responsible adults like me continue to benefit from hemp's potential.

Chris Lively
Self
El Paso, TX

This bill is ridiculous all you are doing is helping the cartels and hurting Texans, as someone who pays attention to this area you do realize a vast number of nationally loved companies and products are made here in Texas you are only going to hurt the Texas economy with this bill, there's nothing to win from here, the public opinion isn't going to change to your side magically, the public's view on hemp has been shifting towards support for a while now, Houston public media did a survey and they found that more than 60% support the sale and use of marijuana for recreational purposes, I do understand that this survey was about recreational marijuana and this bill is about hemp but this is the same plant we are talking about, if more than 60% of the population is in support of hemp why are you fighting the people you are supposed to be representing? You're not going to "save the kids" with this bill, kids are dumb and absolutely shouldn't be ingesting or taking hemp but why are we punishing adults for what young dumb kids do, just because we saw kids destroy toilet on TikTok does that mean we take off all the doors in the states and punish anyone who has to use the restroom? Is this what Texas has become? Ignoring the people's wishes, ignoring the science acting like this isn't just a plant that has been proven to help with aches and pains, give some relief to some of our veterans who have given up more than what we can imagine, the fact this bill has gotten this far and you people have tried three times in three years and have failed each time and yet you still can't seem to get the message disgusts me.

Brody Ventura
Self/unemployed
Houston, TX

All claims regarding the booming hemp industry are hearsay and prejudiced I've witnessed first hand the benefits this industry has provided economically and socially people having access to these hemp alternatives has genuinely benefited the public.

Xavier Guerra, Owner

Beneficial Hemp

Laredo, TX

I own a cannabis dispensary and just to clarify, we are not a smoke shop. We are a he derived cannabis dispensary. Everyone wants to think that we are just here for the stoners, but that's not the case at all many companies say that they are a big part of helping veterans which I believe is only a small percentage of the people we really help. My store does not sell bong pipes or blunts. We are here to help the community feel better and educate them on the benefits of cannabis. The majority of our clientele are really people that have found the right cannabinoid to help them with either chronic pain, seizures getting off of other medicine like tramadol or Xanax, and most of these people are coming in because they already have issues from the pharmaceutical medicine that they are taking either with their kidneys or their heart. These are people looking for a natural alternative, that will not give them side effects. Over the years we have had many doctor sending people to the store telling them to try it out, not recommending anything but to try it out. Those customers usually become regulars because they find the right product that helps them with their need, whether it's anxiety, being bipolar, having issues with arthritis or just that they can't sleep. Sleep is big when it comes to health and if we have a product that helps you sleep with no side effects. Those people will be customers forever. Pharmaceuticals have way too many side effects. I feel that the Sb3 is bigger than what they are saying that kids are getting their hands on these products. We never have issues with kids coming into my business. There is a big sign of 21 and over and we don't even deal with minors. This is bigger. This is big companies getting us out so they can come in and be inside Walgreens or CVS cutting us out letting us do all the work of educating the people on how these products can help you and now they come in and wipe us all out. Big money is what wants to wipe us out Patrick is part of all of that. He has a different plan for this. Putting hemp products in liquor stores makes it even worse liquor is worse than any hemp product And now you want to put them together with alcohol that is a downgrade of what we are doing. I hope this helps. This is just me speaking from my experience as a cannabis dispensary owner selling all hemp derived products. Thank you God bless!

Kristy Sprott

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill.

Jaime Silva

Self

Arlington, TX

Cannabis is what has saved me from alcoholism and death. Please don't take away our natural medicine.

Austin Jones

Smoke source

Deer Park, TX

This is going to mess up the economy in Texas as well as making people go back to buying off the streets which could have health concerns as it would be laced.

Alyssa Benson

Self/customer rep

Grandprairie, TX

Please keep these products legal there are benefits such as Economic, Criminal Justice reform, Medical and wellness use and more.

Fahim Kabir

Self

The Colony, TX

I oppose this bill

Raquel Sotelo
Self/Mental Health Counselor
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill given the documented economic benefits and established health advantages of THC in managing a range of conditions, from digestive and sleep disorders to severe illnesses where current pharmaceutical options provide inadequate relief. Substantial research supports these findings. A reasonable regulatory framework, similar to that governing alcohol and other consumable products, can ensure public safety.

Cornelio Bravo, MR
Self / Freelance Photographer-Farmer
Penelope, TX

I oppose regulation of hemp products. I oppose any criminal offense for possessing or consuming hemp derived products

Kimberly Phipps-Nichol
self
Houston, TX

Please vote NO on this bill, a bill which has been built on inaccuracies and fallacies. SB 3 will criminalize law-abiding Texans, and decimate the hemp industry in Texas, leading to tens of thousands of unemployment claims and billions in lost tax revenue, entirely under false pretense. This proposal is a blatant attempt to kill a legitimate industry that helps veterans and those with disabilities get access to the relief they need, all while giving the alcohol industry more control and more money so they can support more legislator's campaign funds. This isn't about making our cities and kids safer, it's about command and control. It is the most un-Texas legislation you can imagine, and a shame that Sen. Perry wasted your time and our taxpayer dollars. And then to schedule this hearing for late at night at the last minute after allowing bogus testimony from the earlier HB conversation today to drone on for hours. So disrespectful to the constituents. Please vote no on this drivel so we can get down to the real business at hand for Texans.

Gabrielle McGeen
Self / Flight Attendant
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3), which seeks to dismantle Texas' legal hemp industry in favor of a corporate-backed monopoly. This bill is not about public safety—it's about eliminating competition to benefit a select few.

The Texas Compassionate Use Program (TCUP), controlled primarily by Texas Original, is a heavily restricted, anti-competitive program that fails to serve Texans in need. The thriving Texas hemp market, which operates legally under the 2018 Federal Farm Bill, provides safe, lab-tested, and affordable alternatives for consumers. Rather than banning an entire industry, reasonable regulations should be implemented to eliminate bad actors while preserving free market competition.

The recent Senate Committee Hearing was filled with misleading testimony, fear-mongering, and deliberate misinformation equating legal hemp products with synthetic and unregulated substances. The truth is:

? No one has ever died from THC consumption. Law enforcement claims of "THC overdoses" are misleading and inaccurate.

? SB3 is not about public safety—it's about eliminating competition. Texas Original, the liquor lobby, and the Wholesale Beer Distributors Of Texas want to shut down small, independent businesses in order to regain control over the market and protect their financial interests.

? Texans deserve access to legal, affordable, and high-quality hemp products. The free market ensures better products and lower prices for consumers, unlike the overpriced, restricted options under TCUP.

? We support reasonable regulations, not prohibition. The real issue is enforcing laws against unregulated, mislabeled products—not banning an entire industry that follows federal guidelines. According to a recent poll conducted by Baselice & Associates, Inc, Texan's overwhelmingly support keeping hemp-derived THC product legal with reasonable safety regulations. Only 20% of Texans support banning these products, according to the poll.

I urge you to vote NO on SB3 and stand against corporate-backed corruption that limits consumer choice and economic freedom. Texans deserve an open and competitive market, not a government-sanctioned monopoly.

Please do the right thing and protect Texas' hemp industry. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Daniel Griffeth
Self, chef
JUSTIN, TX

This bill moves to dismantle Texas' small businesses. I do not support this bill.

Samantha Alley

Self Optician

Webster, TX

I do NOT support your SB3 ban. My brother of 18yrs old, due to the vaccines has acquired one of the most rarest cancers in his neck! He has had to put the beginning stages of his young adulthood experiences on hold, work, relationships, being in public at this rate when his immune system is low after chemo treatment he gets 4 days a week every month for another year! I've watched him get so sick he can't even hold down a liquid while receiving his treatment or days after! They had given him a nausea medicine that contains a small dosage of THC which helps him when they are actually able to give to him. When he goes home he can consume and micro dose of an edible and we find he's able to instantly same day after getting chemo EAT and start rebuilding and gain all that nourishment he just lost days worth of! How would like to feel helpless and full of toxic chemicals in your body with no HOPE of getting your strength back! He also has to often get platelets if his immune system gets too low if he can't eat for days due to all the toxic this so called cancer saving chemo treatment does ! How can you not have a heart and sleep so well at night knowing your trying to minuplate what God has put here on earth to grow and share. There is medical research for crying out loud on the benefits of this plant! How did it even come to terms of being voted on ? This is not man made, its just like the other Herbs on this planet. You going to ban them too ?? Your taking from my brother to be a decent young man and be able to eat and hold a meal down by taking this away! You are taking away his strength to make him even have faith that he can get through this and not die over lack of nourishment. He has a port over his heart and hes barley 1 yr into this treatment. This could be several more years. He can not suffer like this if this bill passes! You are not God, you do not get to have this final say and your judgement time will also be waiting for you! Politicians sticking their hands where it don't belong !! You want to play Good Guy, remove the homeless off the streets along with the unregulated drugs and sex trafficking rings all around. Regulate alcohol and cigarettes, that's more dangerous and in the hands of way too many way too young! It's sickening ! I'm 36 and wouldn't care to drink or smoke a cigarette to save someone else life! And I grew up in a full of smokers household of cigarettes! But your against a plant ? Please, I pray and beg do your own research and pray to God to understand your role and your boundaries of others mental health and life situations that you do not have to worry about nor even have a clue of what people go through! Why do people associate this as a bad thing versus the real bad and evil to this day in our face, tackle those issues not ones against plants and their benefits.

Benjamin Euhus

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Ben Euhus and I'm a born and raised Texan currently living in Austin, TX who completed a graduate program in Haifa, Israel in a lab that was and still is one of the only institutes in the world with access to studying cannabis on chronic disease and cancer models. Since I've been able to make the claim that I am one of the only Americans worldwide that has seen first-hand and led research studies over the effects of cannabis on disease and cancer models in a lab.

Their regulatory structure closely allows collaboration and clinical studies between labs, cultivators, and their healthcare system. Time and time again through laboratory and clinical studies we saw that the presence of THC, even as low as in a 1:10 ratio with CBD, had a tremendous effect in delivering the highest amount of possible efficacy in patients suffering from epilepsy, autism, cancer, and chronic diseases.

What we need is not the abolishment and banning of THC but greater access to resources of education and the abolishment of red tape and bureaucracy that hinders and disallows research to be performed. As this committee has heard repeatedly about the Endocannabinoid System and phenomenon of the entourage effect, I firmly believe hemp and cannabis to be essential tools and our key to better understanding the ECS' workings and optimization.

In a time where our healthcare system is overburdened, the banning of THC will have a tremendous effect on people who have found an efficacious and safe source of therapy and I plead that this bill not see the light of day.

Desiree Aranda

Delta 8 Denton / Self

Greenville, TX

Oppose

Anita Lane, CPC

Self

Austin, TX

I ask my representatives to NOT vote against the use of Hemp based products. These products are healthy and make positive differences in Texans lives.

Nicolas Mavrikos

Self

Fairview, TX

I oppose SB 3. The products at my local CBD shop have helped manage anxiety and pain without all the side effects from other medicine. Please do not take this away.

Caroline Nixon

Self

Houston, TX

I'm writing to urge you to oppose SB3. This bill may look like just another regulatory measure on paper, but to many Texans like me, it represents something much more personal: the loss of safe, legal access to products that help us live better lives.

Hemp-derived cannabinoids like Delta-8 and Delta-9 have become a vital tool for thousands of people managing pain, anxiety, PTSD, and other daily struggles—especially in a state where medical marijuana is still largely inaccessible. For many, these products are the only affordable and effective option for relief. They help us sleep. They help us work. They help us function and show up for our families.

This bill threatens to take that away.

It punishes not only consumers, but also the small Texas businesses that have built livelihoods around providing legal, lab-tested hemp products. These are our neighbors, our friends—entrepreneurs working hard, creating jobs, and staying within the law. SB3 would drive them out of business with burdensome fees, criminal penalties, and confusing new rules.

It doesn't have to be this way. We can protect public health and ensure product safety without punishing responsible users and providers. SB3 goes too far. It will cause real harm to real people—and I'm begging you not to let that happen.

Please listen to the voices of everyday Texans. Vote NO on SB3.

Vicki Harper

Representing myself

Carrollton, TX

I ask that you please vote No to SB3. This bill will destroy an industry that is vital to so many Texans. I use Hemp products to help my anxiety since my husband's death and they have helped me to start living a productive life again.

River Ballard

Self / Pooster farms llc

Royse city, TX

I oppose SB 3. I own and operate a small hemp company in North Texas. While we're still in the early stages of building our business, I've developed strong connections within this community and have seen firsthand the overwhelming relief these products can provide — from cancer patients to veterans living with PTSD.

This bill is not only unnecessary, but it's also deeply unfair. It goes against the very values Texas claims to stand for — freedom, opportunity, and supporting small businesses.

That said, I do understand the concerns around youth access and the need for proper education about these products. Responsible regulation is important, but SB 3 is not the answer.

Emily Charles

Self

Alice, TX

Hemp is very useful

Denise Gomez

Self

HOUSTON, TX

Oppose SB3

Jasmine Baker, Paralegal

Self

Buda, TX

This is not a healthy choice for Texans. We cannot pass this bill or we will cause illegal unregulated THC use to go up. There is many misunderstandings on these THC products and this ban is premature to weighing out actual benefits and risks.

Emily Montgomery

Self

Waco, TX

Good afternoon Chair and Members of the Committee, my name is Emily, and my family owns The Gass Shack®, a compliant, community-rooted cannabis brand and dispensary proudly operating in the state of Texas.

Today, I'm here to strongly oppose Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28, because these bills do not protect public health or safety — they attack legal businesses, kill jobs, and ignore science.

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SB 3 and HB 28 will do the following:

- Ban federally legal, non-psychoactive hemp products that consumers rely on for wellness, sleep, anxiety, and pain.
- Shut down hundreds of compliant, tax-paying small businesses, eliminating thousands of Texas jobs overnight.
- Send consumers back to the unregulated underground market, where there is no testing, no age verification, and no oversight.
- Open the floodgates for out-of-state corporate monopolies to take over once Texas legalizes full cannabis — leaving local entrepreneurs behind.

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The Real Solution:

- Enforce existing laws already in place for age verification, packaging, and safety.
- Support a regulated, equitable hemp and cannabis framework that uplifts Texans — not punishes them.
- Let us continue building safe, transparent access while keeping dollars, jobs, and innovation right here in Texas.

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As an operator, a parent, and a Texan — I urge you:

Don't destroy what's already working. Don't criminalize compliance.

Vote NO on SB 3 and HB 28, and work with this industry, not against it.

Thank you.

Cynthia Brown

Self

Hallettsville, TX

Opposed

Colleen Casey

self

Flower Mound, TX

Based on the newly released Hemp-Derived Cannabinoids in the Lone Star State: A Revisit of the Economic Impact Analysis of Cannabinoid Retail in Texas; the recent survey by Baselice & Associates Inc. and the positive statements many Texans provided in support for hemp-derived THC, I request you align with Texas voters and reject both S.B3 and H.B 28.

The hemp industry is a Texas industry from farmers, small business owners to sales clerks. Hemp is local, it helps Texans who work in the industry, Texan who benefit medically and Texans who benefit from the tax revenue.

Do not send Texans and their tax dollars to surrounding states that have legalized THC, respectfully reject both S.B3 and H.B 28.

Thank you.

Joe Johnson
self it
San Saba, TX

How about pursuing freedom again? Texas needs to get out of the dark ages and start realizing that people don't need to be regulated. THC offers many benefits and is easily provided at home. The only reason to regulate it is to help Big Pharma reduce competition.

No, I don't use it or any other illegal drug. But people should be free to make their own decisions without a nanny state looking over their shoulder and looking for opportunities to fine them and take their property. Just leave us alone.

Elizabeth Miller
Texans Helped by Cannabis; Self, an attorney
Bedford, TX

SB 3 is not the bill we were advertised or the debate we were prepared for. Nor will it effectively address the concerns you've heard about.

SB 3 bans full-spectrum cannabis products for individual isolates. SB 3 won't change how much of these products are used, only what products are used and in what context.

These kinds of prohibitions nearly always result in grossly unintended effects. SB 3 sacrifices what's natural and from the creator for what's unnatural and what's from man. SB 3 sacrifices what could be regulated and controlled and enables an uncontrolled black market. SB 3 sacrifices the very real hemp plant for fakes. SB 3 sacrifices nonpsychoactive products and incentivizes psychoactive ones. SB 3 sacrifices ancient and proven medicines for the new and unproven. SB 3 sacrifices ultra-low-THC and will absolutely result in more exaggerated doses of THC.

It is possible to write a bill that better aims at what you want to achieve, and protect Texans, without pointlessly destroying many billions in Texans' wealth, sacrificing hundreds of millions in State revenues, and eliminating many thousands of Texans' jobs. All of the horror stories this body hears about cannabis and THC were almost certainly related to unnatural, fake products, a problem which SB 3 would only aggravate, by removing any gates.

This body, in its wisdom, created the Hemp program a few years ago, knowing that tweaks and changes would inevitably be required. Then life intervened. Now, instead of finally getting around to the needed changes, and enforcing good regulations that could make us safer, you are considering yanking the rug out from under an entire industry, right after it invested tons in starting up. This should and will reflect horribly on Texas' reputation for being a fair, rational, predictable place for business.

SB 3 leaves suffering vets, grannies with bad knees, and anxious dog owners of anxious dogs in the lurch. If you do this, you will definitely face those angry constituents, as well as challenges over the conflicts with federal law. I predict a good decade of litigation. All unnecessary, because it's possible to do what you want to do. But SB 3, especially as-is, isn't it.

Sean Dylan Yanez
Rock n Rollbit/ myself
Beaumont, TX

I oppose bill SB3.. 24 states have legalized marijuana. The top 3 safest are legalized -not regulated - states. There is no causation shown between THC and the crime rate in CA & CO. In regards to potency. Everclear is 190 proof liquor and is ban in multiple states. Not Texas. So is potency a true concern? Potency can be regulated. Regulation and understanding is key. Understanding why certain individuals develop psychosis due to preexisting conditions and the abuse of cannabis. Excess of anything WILL have adverse effects. Like drinking a bottle of easy accessible Everclear. But others use THC it to better their health and see no effects. Banning all THC to struggle to find said relief. Yet leaving it unmonitored and leaving people uneducated will lead to abuse. My hearts goes out to all victims because it is the lack of research and information presented to the public that young male adults are at higher risk. Stop ignoring it. Stop sweeping it under the rug and educate your citizens. You all have avoided understanding this plant long enough. A proper education builds a better future. Most obviously, if this bill passes you will be putting a vast amount of people in dire situations- both unemployment (likely some homeless - add it count here) and unrelenting pain. History will repeat. Prohibition never works.

Ali Barroso
Self
Cedar Park, TX

The science and data are clear that hemp and hemp products are safe. They bring billions to Texas and help many Texans live, work, and enjoy their time in this beautiful state.

Make the right, logical, decision based on facts, not fear.

James Weathersbee, Mr.
Self, food industry
Amarillo, TX

I strongly oppose both SB3 and HB28. This will have harmful consequences on honest small business owners, cannabis users, and Texas as a whole. Now instead of being able to get cannabis at shop with an educated owner, people will be forced to buy it on the street. That will in turn increase stress and burden to law enforcement unnecessarily, and not allow them to focus on real crime and keeping communities safer. Something the USA holds strong and stands strong on is freedom. And Texans have more state and country pride than any state. But yet on this issue we're so hypocritical and letting other states lap us. I myself plan on leaving Texas in the next year and half and I know a ton of others like me who own businesses, bring revenue and jobs into the state, and are overall just good people who also plan on leaving due to the restrictions on freedom Texans face. And also our "compassionate use program" is not in the slightest bit compassionate or understanding. How can a program designed for medical use only allow 1-2 compounds of the plant to be used when all of the rest are just as beneficial, and that's scientifically proven. Can state representatives and others alike please start looking at actual scientific and other fact based studies on cannabis rather than the "scary" stories that go around on social media that are blatantly false. Facts are in all of human history a cannabis overdose has NEVER been reported unlike all of the legal things y'all have no problem with people consuming, and I'm not just talking about vices such as cigarettes and alcohol.

Also above all else remember this:

Anytime Texans get to vote on Cannabis they vote in favor EVERY SINGLE TIME. To vote out Cannabis is to blatantly ignore the people of Texas and a violation of your position as REPRESENTATIVES of us. I How can you all represent us if you ignore our votes and voices.

Mukhiya Gurung
Self
Austin, TX

I am against the sb 3.
Hemp product has help many people veteran, people with anxiety,

Heather Collisson
Self
Austin, TX

I am against this bill. I rely on these products to support me in my daily life. I rather buy these products from a licensed dispensary instead of the black market.

James Weathersbee, Mr.

Myself / food industry

Amarillo, TX

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Cindi Castilla

Texas Eagle Forum/self

Dallas, TX

Texas Eagle Forum Supports SB 3 (Cindi Castilla, President, Texas Eagle Forum and self)

Texas did not intentionally legalize the use of potent THC in Texas, so we thank you for this bill to close a loophole which has been abused. When the bill was passed in Texas we were told it was about making great rope from hemp. Instead, we got an industry that focuses on helping people get high. This is clear looking at their websites or the products in their shops. We do not owe anyone the ability to make a living by drugging our population.

You all pass many bills and spend a lot of taxpayer money to try to fix problems we face in Texas. Homelessness, school dropout rates, severe mental health diagnoses, drug overdoses and fentanyl deaths, jails filled with violent mental health patients who are too dangerous to put back on the street, and psychosis related mass shootings. These issues and more are highly related to the use of THC. The mental health issues related to THC use are expensive to our entire society.

We all know that the potency of current Marijuana and hemp derived THC products is too high. We know that it basically breaks some brains, causing users to live with severe mental issues the rest of their lives. I have a relative in this situation. We know that there is a definite link to marijuana use and psychosis and then further mental health issues. Psychotic episodes are dangerous and those who study patients who have had one psychotic episode find they self-report that they are more violent afterwards.

A 2014 study by the VA found that veterans who used marijuana for PTSD ended up with greater drug use, greater alcohol use, were more aggressive than those who either quit THC or never used it for their PTSD. Later studies continue to prove that THC does not heal our veterans. We pray for our veterans and that they find true healing and won't need to numb their mind to help their symptoms.

In recent years studies have proved that THC use lowers a person's pain tolerance, yet many are using it for pain. These studies answer the question as to why 70% of those addicted to fentanyl were first marijuana users. Many providers of off the shelf THC products explain to new users that they will need more over time. Almost every website promotes the HIGH over what it might do for a particular condition. THC exacerbates the issues we are working to solve or heal.

THC is NOT MEDICINE. It does not heal – it harms Texans and Texas. It is marketed and sold to make people high.

Please support SB 3.

Joni Russell

Self sales

New Braunfels, TX

I am against the passing of this bill.

Navin Pradhan
American Shaman at Keller Texas
Mansfield, TX

I am AGAINST this bill.

Lisa Cruz
Self
Kyle, TX

Creating better regulation for consumable hemp products is what We as Texans need. Ensuring that hemp products stay away from children and accessible to responsible adults. Banning is not what Texas needs; this creates a void for black market/ shady people to fill and doesn't solve the demand for hemp in Texas. Adding to crime rates to increase. Let's take Texas on the correct approach to hemp!

Christopher Rocha, 1SG (R)
U.S. Veterans in Texas
San Antonio, TX

All - These bill does not have the people in mind as it seeks to harm an industry which provides jobs and greatly needed service via plant medicines to Texans, especially Texas Veterans. As the federal government moves to reduce resource across federal agencies (namely the VA), it is business who provide these hemp derived products that will be there to help our veterans. In a whole where alcohol and dangerous SSRIs run rampant and alcohol can be consumed in the streets and purchased is drive throughs, this legislation seeks to ban a plant which does not harm. This plant and the derived products are not synthetic THC such as spice or K2. These legal hemp products are and business representing them do not sell the dangerous synthetics this bill aims to curve. As a Special Operations veteran with eight combat deployments and a 20.5 year career in the Army, I ask you to reconsider. This remarkable plant has help me with the multiple issues I have encountered from my deployments and the vicious and traumatic violence I have witnessed and been a part of as a Soldier and Army Ranger. They have allowed me peace and the ability to reduce emotional outbursts, helped with emotional regulation and control, where 15 years of SSRIs and talk therapy have failed. They have helped me come back home guilt free from the service to my country. This industry is one of the more regulated and controlled than most. Finally this is something that Texas want as I firmly believe a statewide vote for cannabis legalization with pass would overwhelming support. As representatives your duty is to the people of this great state and not to lobbyist or personal projects of one politician. Again as a Texas native and Veteran I urge you all to vote in favor of the people continue to provide your constituents with the resources and relief that is needed by voting no to SB3 and HB 28. Failure to due so would prove detrimental to your constituents and show how representatives pick and choose demographic as a ploy to pass personal agendas.

1SG (R) Christopher Rocha
U.S. Army
RLTW!

Rabecca Teich
Self
Bandera, TX

Regulate do not ban

Michael Macias
Self
San Marcos, TX

This bill is bad, I strongly oppose it. There are bigger issues within the State that need attention.

Devon Bailey

Self

Austin, TX

I wish to make it known I am opposed to this bill. Having tried both alcohol and hemp based thc drink, the effects of the thc are FAR less concerning to me and provide a much preferable and safer night out, night in, morning after all the above. I can't name a single Texan that wants to harm this industry. Were the land of Willie Nelson! It's past time to be so afraid of this plant. We could fund education with the taxes. It's so silly to target this so aggressively while not vocalizing the same prohibitions of booze. It's safer from a store than some dealer.

Rhonda Howard

Self

Houston, TX

In 2018 I experienced the graduation and start of college for my 1st born child, Eagle Scout and honor student. Little did I know that he begun using cannabis to deal with his anxiety.

I noticed behavior changes but was unaware of his use of THC products until after he admitted to a physician that he was using THC.

He progressed to using Delta 8 almost daily, beginning of our family's nightmare. He ended up in a psychotic state and was hospitalized. He was able to return to college on a low-level antipsychotic medication, but the addiction to THC products lead to severe personality changes and was admitted to an intensive outpatient program (IOP).

He couldn't remain in school and tried to just work but spent his paychecks at the local vape store, buying Delta 8 products, CBD and whatever would take his mind away from the psychotic symptoms he was now experiencing. This led to a revolving door of hospitalizations, as the Delta 8 products are synthetic and cause immediate psychosis. None of the hospitalizations focused on his THC addiction; they only concentrated on stabilizing him with antipsychotic medications.

This has devastated our lives. My son's brain health has been severely damaged. The trauma that THC and all the hemp/cannabis derivatives has caused my family and so many families have to be prioritized with the legislators.

I now live on the edge, not knowing if my son will ever be able to become mentally stable. I have not found any treatment programs that specialize and focus on CIP (cannabis-induced psychosis). My son has still not grasped the fact that THC products are the cause of his brain being altered into a false reality. I have gone into debt, sending him to out of state treatment programs in hopes that his brain will have a chance to heal.

When I first shared my story with the Texas State Committee on State Affairs in May of 2024, I had just sent my son out of state. It is now March 2025 and my son is still away, struggling with his mental health.

Give these children a chance and outlaw these products

Chad Beck

Myself

Buda, TX

Opposed

Nicholas Venezia

Retired

Lakeway, TX

Dear Representative , I am writing you to encourage you to vote NO on SB3. By making it illegal, we are just paving the way for more illegal actors to produce and sell these products and further add to the illegal drug trafficking problem that plagues our state. Keep it legal, where it can be regulated and consumers KNOW what they are buying. Not to mention, the sale of these products boosts taxes for our state and employs thousands. Just like alcohol, it should only be available to those who are 21 and older. Hemp products can have numerous positive effects. I hope you will allow responsible adults in this state make their own decisions about these types of things! With kind regards, Nicholas Venezia

Christine Perez
Compliance Pros LLC
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose SB3.

Danny Miller
Self
Spring, TX

Oppose SB 3

Ryan Mileo
Self
Spring, TX

I oppose SB 3 as it is an example of government overreach and will hurt the Texas Economy. It will destroy an industry eliminating 50k+ jobs and will remove a \$1B revenue state tax base. The committee should look towards a different avenue for legislation. The committee should oppose SB3.

Sarah Donovan
Self
New Braunfels, TX

Absolutely horrible idea!

David Le
Smoke Source
Missouri City, TX

I oppose SB 3. Im all for regulations, but i oppose an all out ban. This will force our customers to the street dealers. A ban will force us to close our business and that will mean all of my 6 employees will be left with no job and be force to go on unemployment. We have followed the rules that was set place by the 2018 farm bill. Please don't shut us down. Thank you- A small business owner and a tax payer.

Amanda Miller
Self
Spring, TX
Oppose SB 3 by Perry

Ian Bunn, Founder
GreenGrowers.Club
Austin, TX

As an ancillary business owner of the cannabis industry, I strongly oppose SB3. I request for the full spectrum cannabis, live rosin access for PTSD, anxiety, and depression.

Rainey St. Laurent
Self
Austin, TX

It should be legal as I believe hemp to be the healthiest form of medication compared to the overly toxic medications prescribed by pharmaceuticals.

Kelly Palmer
Self- appraiser
Garland, TX

I oppose this. Hemp products are so helpful for thousands of Texans. They aid in anxiety, stress, seizure disorders, and so many other things. I strictly oppose this bill.

Noah Bailey
Self
Dallas, TX

I'd like to strongly voice my opposition to SB 3. Hemp-derived products have helped members of my family immensely, whether we were suffering from the effects of chemotherapy, gastrointestinal issues or psychological issues like anxiety and depression. I think there are regulatory ways to keep children safe that are far more effective than an outright ban on these products and their use by responsible adults. I have seen for myself the difference between both the quality and safety of products in different kinds of retail establishments. All the hemp dispensaries I've visited are selling responsibly, educating customers on appropriate dosages and requiring ID confirmation for sale. Meanwhile, there are gas stations where you can find gummies with insanely high dosages and unsafe products. This is a growing industry in a time of vast economic uncertainty. Regulate it like alcohol and allow Texans the freedom to enjoy a product that truly helps most people who use it, while still protecting kids. withdraw this bill and head back to the drawing board.

Ian Bruce
Self
San Marcos, TX

Oppose

Ginger Ross
Self
Austin, TX

Please kill this bill. Residents of TX want hemp derived products to be legally available. TX residents want the small businesses in the TX hemp industry to continue to be successful as they contribute to our local and state economies. The people of TX are watching our representatives and committee members and we will remember who stands for us and who does not.

Barbara Brewer
Self
Fort Worth, TX

THC can help so many medical conditions. Especially for individuals dealing with cancer. These owners do an amazing job keeping their supplies locked and safe. Please reconsider these regulations.

JESUS FLORES
Self
San Antonio, TX

I as a true believer in liberty and personal freedom vehemently oppose this Bill. I'm insulted by Dan Patrick and Senator Perry's stance on protecting children . Protect our children by going after fentanyl in our streets. Alcohol has killed more children and will continue to kill our children with drunk drivers on our roads. Please vote no on SB 3 !!

Karen Venezia

SelfHB3

Lakeway, TX

Please vote no on this bill. It is ridiculous to restrict responsible adults from enjoying natural products that have multiple health benefits. I understand, limiting it to 21 and older. But to ban this industry would also lose many jobs and tax dollars. It also seems to just invite cartels to swoop in and take over. If it was up to me, I would say make all THC products legal but I know Texas is not ready for that. People are still going to seek it out and it's better to have it regulated and know what you are getting as opposed to people buying it off the streets not knowing where it has come from and what it is laced with. As a parent, I would rather see this legal than not and as a responsible adult I would rather see it legal than not. People will seek it out whether it's legal or not. Ban the synthetic junk but keep natural products legal.

Joseph Biasatti

Self

McKinney, TX

I am a conservative pothead and combat veteran. I am against sb3 as well as hb28. I would like to see weed be regulated similar to alcohol and tobacco. This will give us personal freedoms as well as achieving the public health desired outcome. Listening to lawmakers talk about weed reminds me of listening to Diane Feinstein and California lawmakers discuss firearms. They don't understand, don't use, and don't want firearms. They oppress their citizens and harm them because of their ideology. Likewise we see the same here in my opinion (although perhaps unintentionally). Can Texas take a tactical pause on this issue and create a way for Texans to grow and smoke weed. I appreciate conservatives but they are missing the mark on this issue. As a pothead I can honestly say Dan Patrick and Paxton et al. absolutely do not have any idea what weed is or the effects of weed.

Angela Shawver

Self/Valve Sales

Beach City, TX

Please leave the Hemp business as-is. Many people benefit from this.

rachel reavis

Self

Valley Mills, TX

Opposed.

Kelsy Mendoza, Ms

Self / sales

Stafford, TX

I, Kelsy Mendoza am opposed to this bill. Bill is in violation of religious beliefs in consumption of hemp products

Gabrielle Abernathy, Mrs

Self

Aubrey, TX

I am writing as a Texas parent and community member to respectfully express my opposition to SB 3 and HB 28. These bills threaten a legal, regulated industry that supports thousands of Texas jobs, small businesses, and families.

While I'm not personally involved in the hemp industry, I care deeply about the stability and opportunity it brings to so many in our state. I want my children to grow up in a Texas that values small business, economic freedom, and access to safe, regulated products — not one that limits opportunity based on fear or misinformation.

Please listen to the voices of everyday Texans who believe in protecting this industry. I urge you to oppose SB 3 and HB 28.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

Gabrielle Abernathy

Aubrey TX

Gregg MCKINLEY

Self/Disabled

Cibolo, TX

I oppose the ban. I am a disabled Combat Veteran, 100% Total and Permanent. I hated the fact that my wife was using cannabis, medical use, until she had me try some for my chronic pain. Now, due to the exorbitant cost, we both have switched to hemp derived cannabinoids for multiple issues. For me, the pain of injuries sustained during my service, the PTSD, TBI, and depression are all treated with hemp derived products. This is what we can afford, as we are both disabled. If you take this away from us, we will be forced to find a less legal way to get it. I can function for my family because of these plants. I can go out in public. I don't want to die. It is lifesaving.

Suzanne Rice

Self

Austin, TX

I am.

A 63-year-old chronic pain patient, a retired nurse of 30 years and before.

That I won't work for bracelet. And Patterson law firm. I have done a lot of research in the area of t. HC and CV B products here in Texas. Help me the most. And they are the most affordable for me since I am now on a fixed income. I depend on social security disability. The compassionate use program here in Texas is too expensive for me and I can't afford the products they sell. So they really don't help me begging not to vote. Yes on this, please just regulate it better. Don't outlaw it. Thank you for your time

Alexis Kanter

Self

The Colony, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill seeking to ban THC in the State of Texas. While I understand concerns surrounding substance regulation, a blanket ban on THC would not only restrict personal freedoms but also have far-reaching negative consequences on public health, economic growth, and criminal justice reform.

To eliminate its legality such that it shuts down businesses throughout the state is a major step backwards for our economy. The majority of Texans across party lines want to keep consumable hemp and THC legal.

Christine Silguero
Self - Health Coach
Pasadena, TX

My name is Christine Silguero, and I'm here to share how legal hemp products gave me my life back.

I was diagnosed with Lupus, a debilitating chronic autoimmune disease that creates full body pain and inflammation. To combat this disease, I was prescribed up to 12 different medications a day for over 4 years. Despite all of them, I was still in constant, excruciating pain. I spent most of my time in bed, unable to function, feeling hopeless, and truly questioning if I could continue living that way.

Everything changed when I began using hemp products. I found that they helped reduce my inflammation, ease my pain, and support my body in ways that pharmaceuticals never could. Over time, I was able to safely wean off every single one of those medications. The side effects that once controlled my life are gone. For the first time in years, I feel like myself again.

Even more than the products themselves, the people in the hemp community have played a huge role in my healing. The businesses I've visited have been educational, compassionate, and genuinely invested in my well-being. They've helped me choose the best products for my needs, guided me through the process, and treated me like family. Through them, I've found not just relief—but a sense of community, dignity, and hope.

I love living in Texas—I love the freedoms we have here. And living a life free of pain is one of those freedoms I hold sacred. Hemp products have helped make that life possible for me.

I don't say this lightly: If it weren't for hemp products, I don't know if I'd still be here. These products saved my life. They allowed me to witness the birth of my nieces, to show up for my loved ones, to go to church again, and to be a functioning, contributing member of society.

That's why I urge you to protect and support access to legal hemp. It's more than a wellness product—for many of us, it's our lifeline.

Thank you for your time and for considering the real, lived experiences of those of us who have found healing in hemp.

Sincerely,
Christine Silguero

Raquel Sotelo
Self/Mental Health Counselor
Houston, TX

I'm writing to strongly oppose SB3. This bill will negatively impact small businesses and restrict consumer access to legal, non intoxicating products. I have seen how the hemp industry has positively impacted the Texan community. We need to regulate, not ban.

Luis Gonzalez
self, Professional Archaeologist
FISCHER, TX

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the proposed SB3 ban on hemp-derived THC in Texas. This decision would have serious negative consequences, not only for the state's economy and workforce but also for patients who rely on these products for their well-being. I urge you to reconsider any measures that would prohibit hemp-derived THC and consider the broader, long-term impact on our community.

First and foremost, the hemp-derived THC industry in Texas is creating jobs and fueling economic growth. Thousands of Texans are employed in this burgeoning industry, from farmers who grow hemp to manufacturers who process the raw material, to retailers and medical professionals who provide access to hemp-based products. A ban would jeopardize the livelihoods of many hardworking individuals and small businesses that depend on this legal market. The economic contributions of this sector cannot be ignored, especially as we face a time when job creation and economic diversification are more crucial than ever.

Equally important is the impact on patients who depend on hemp-derived THC products for medical relief. For many Texans suffering from chronic pain, anxiety, PTSD, or conditions like epilepsy, these products provide an alternative to prescription medications that may have severe side effects or addictive properties. Hemp-derived THC offers a safer, natural solution that can improve quality of life. By banning it, you would be taking away a valuable option for these individuals, many of whom rely on these products to manage their health and well-being.

Moreover, the dangers of prohibition are all too clear. History has shown us the devastating effects of banning substances that individuals turn to for relief. Instead of curbing demand, prohibition often leads to the growth of black markets, unregulated products, and potentially dangerous situations for consumers. By banning hemp-derived THC, we would be pushing these products back into the shadows, where consumers lose the protections and safety regulations currently in place. Regulating the industry rather than banning it is the only responsible approach to ensure product quality and consumer safety.

The decision to ban hemp-derived THC also undermines the strides Texas has made in embracing the medical and therapeutic potential of cannabis. Legal access to hemp-derived THC products benefits not only patients but also the state's reputation as a forward-thinking leader in healthcare and innovation. To backpedal on these advancements would be a setback for Texans who seek safe, effective alternatives for managing their health.

In conclusion, I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed ban on hemp-derived THC. The economic benefits, the positive impact on patients, and the risks of prohibition far outweigh any concerns. Let's work together to regulate this industry responsibly, ensuring it continues to thrive while protecting both consumers and the hardworking individuals who rely on it.

Walter Lawson, Mr
Self
Glen rose, TX

There needs to be no regulation whatsoever on these products and all the should be
Legal. This state is ruining people's lives with these laws that should be personal choices by adults

Zubair Hassan
Self
HOUSTON, TX

I am not in favor of HB 3. I am a business owner who works 11 hours a day 7 days a week for the last year and half. I have spent my life savings into my business and have spent endless hours providing excellent service to my local customers. I have helped hundreds of customers from variety of health issues from sleep issues to pain relief. I urge you to please not pass HB 3 so that not only my lively hood isn't destroyed, but I am still able to offer alternative solutions to my customers. Thank you for your time.

Xavier Valenzuela

Self technician

San Antonio, TX

I am Marine Corps veteran diagnosed with PTSD from my three tours to a combat zone. I am currently using these products as an alternative way of coping with my PTSD. The VA gave me pills but the side effects and over health issues associated with long term use were my reasons for denying them. I turned to drinking but again no solution. These products help and so far no health risks have been identified. I'm not condoning the use of these products for other than medicinal reasons but covered for veterans by the VA system.

Ben Newnham, Mr

self

Coppell, TX

Texans value freedom, personal responsibility, and limited government overreach. That's why I am deeply concerned about efforts to restrict access to hemp-derived products, which would take away choices from responsible adults and diminish the state's ability to regulate an industry that already exists.

Instead of imposing unnecessary restrictions, Texas should adopt clear and fair regulations—such as age restrictions, proper labeling, and strict safety testing—to ensure product safety while respecting personal liberties.

The hemp restrictions proposed in this bill will hugely damaging and will have severe economic impact across a billion dollar industry and more than 50,000 jobs especially in rural areas. Must we really do this in times of already periods economic hardship? The bill SB3 is driven by misinformation that approaches parody and attempts to recriminalize products that today are Federally legal. Hemp products have helped thousands and the prohibition measures here are unjustified, excessive and ultimately damaging to Texas. I object to SB3 and call for its rejection.

Belinda Watts

self-oilfield

Canadian, TX

I have been a staunch Republican since I have been able to vote. Oddly enough, I voted for the author of this proposed house bill as well. I am shocked by the fact that Ken King would support a bill that would politicly cripple his own party and close small businesses. My question is.....who are gathering the facts about CBD that you are basing these ridiculous conclusions on? I would like to read these facts for myself. I find it concerning that you would sacrifice jobs and our state's economy because you simply have the power to do so. But yet you would support "Big Pharma" and all of their "legal" poison for our consumption. Your ideology and opinions are massively skewed!! You vote to take away an individual's right to chose for no reason other than you can. You treat your constituents as though we are children and are unable of rational thinking. We are quite capable of seeing your motives. I also believe none of your are equipped to even make this decision due to the fact you have never even USED CBD! I wish all of you who vote to pass either the House Bill or State Bill the best of luck on your next bid for reelection.....you are definitely going to need it. I won't be voting for you.....I want to keep what rights of mine I have left.

Taryn Chouteau

Myself

Buda, TX

As a parent in our community, banning all hemp derived products will infiltrate our streets with dangerous products that aren't regulated. This would be doing a disservice to future generations and our community. Its best to allow these products to be sold how they are.

Benjamin Thompson, Mr.

Self, Store Manager Drip n Rip Vapes

Round Rock, TX

This bill would not only cause so many people to go without the help they need but would also make the black market boom. With the Trump declaring the cartels as terrorist organizations would increasing the black market that funds the cartels be a good idea? I really don't think so. The amount of my customers that rely on hemp for a variety of issues is very high. This bill would cause a lot of them to take major steps back in there treatment of mental health and physiological health issues. A lot of them would have to resort to black market cannabis or worse opioids and opioid addiction. Plus the amount of veterans that would have to give up a medication that relieves so much of their PTSD and aches and pains from keeping our country safe. This bill would cause so many more issues than it would fix.

Levi Jones

self. Retail sales.

mckinney, TX

Not only would SB 3 would close hundreds, if not thousands, of small businesses causing irreparable harm to Texas' economy, but it will also make veterans CRIMINALS. The 85 year old woman who buys gummies because she's had two botched knee surgeries would be a criminal. This isn't right. People deserve to CHOOSE what goes in their body and what medications they want to take. We're not fucking talking about heroin or meth right now. we're talking about HEMP. A substance that has factually been used for millenia. Let's not forget, no one ever had a problem with marijuana until Richard Nixon declared the war on drugs to target black and Hispanic people. I would like to share a REAL quote from that time: "You want to know what this [war on drugs] was really all about? The Nixon campaign in 1968, and the Nixon White House after that, had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people. You understand what I'm saying? We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did." Let that sink in for a moment. That was said by John Ehrlichman, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs under President Richard Nixon. Are we seriously going to continue using marijuana and hemp as a political tool to push our own bigoted and frankly fascist beliefs? You can't deny it. This is all this stupid bill is about. Control, Power, and Influence. Be real and vote NO.

Rebecca Olsen

Self

Wellington, TX

I absolutely do not support this bill and have been in contact with my rep who said that this is the "will of the senate" instead of the will of the people. The government is making it impossible for pain patients to be properly cared for, and that is unacceptable.

Diego Sanchez

Self

Austin, TX

Against

Matthew Gomez

Self

San Antonio, TX

AGAINST

Bobbie Ramirez

self

San Antonio, TX

AGAINST

Alyah Polk
Self, constituent
Mineola, TX

THC based products should not be criminalized because they do not cause anymore damage than alcohol does. If alcohol is legal for responsible use then why is cannabis criminalized? This bill does not help your constituents, rather it will add further burdens and obstacles onto them.

Mina Silva
Delta 8 Denton
Denton, TX

I oppose this dangerous bill. Texas Hemp Industry have made 5.5 billion in revenue and 53,000 jobs, one of those being mine. A ban on the products will only cause unemployment, less money for the state of Texas, and illegal black market sale. Texans should have the right to choose alternative medicines. While working at a hemp business, I have engaged with countless veterans. These very veterans welcomed my presence and conversation and I have there's. In those conversations, I've learnt their struggles and bravery. Some struggles and trauma they still deal with today, all because they are protecting our country. To deal with the trauma, these kind people consume hemp products. If you ban the products, you are taking away their chance at healing and coping. You are taking away their choice in medicine. I also met a man who before he found the products was addicted to opioids

Johnny Heredia
Self
Providence Village, TX

I oppose this bill. There is nothing wrong with hemp products. They're not worse than drinking alcohol. Actually they're better than getting drunk every night. Hemp has never killed anyone. Regardless what that shitty sheriff said.

Sergio Villagomez
self/self-employed
San Antonio, TX

This bill endangers Texans by removing access to safe, legal hemp products. Many rely on these products for medical relief, and this ban may push them toward unregulated and potentially dangerous alternatives—putting their health and safety at serious risk.

Michael Gladkowski
Self
Fort Worth, TX

It is a step in the wrong direction to legislate the personal choices of grown adults. This would adversely affect MANY citizens who benefit from cannabinoids (cancer patients like myself) and Texas businesses that thrive in this space and pay taxes. Why should we regress back to prohibition? It's pointless.

Parker Kniffen
Self
San Antonio, TX

I think this bill goes far too far in regulating and controlling a now MAJOR industry in Texas and will destroy the livelihoods of very many Texans who are either employees of or owners of these stores that will be shut down. We do not need that much capital flight or unemployment with the economy the way it is.

Sanchia saglimbene

Self buy

Austin, TX

Please don't ban hemp.

I am a retired emt-I and
EMS educator from CT

I was in a car accident in 2003 where my c3-6 was herniated. In 2004 I had the fusion due to the pain. Went back to work full duty 3 months later. In 2005 I fell in the middle of an ice storm. And herniated my back. Ended my career. I had one surgery that failed and caused me to have issues walking. Workman's comp. Delayed my second surgery on my lower back for 18 months. Which has resulted in many back issues. In 2009 I fell from the spasms of my lower and was temporarily paralyzed in my upper extremities and need surgery on c6-7.

From 2003-2016 I was placed on drugs. Specifically Vicodin 10mg and cyclobenzaprine 10mg. I was a functional pain med user. But also it never really touched my pain as I always had to take more and more and more each time.

As an EMS personal I have seen the damage the rx has done to patients and their family. And first hand experience of my best friend who was a police officer in greenwich CT get injured on the job became a drug user due to Dr prescribing OxyContin. This split his family up. He went to live on the streets. And his 12 yo son killed him self.

I have never been a fan of weed. So I was hesitant about trying. I found a friend who helped me understand and learn about how to help me with out getting high.
So my journey started on hemp products.

I take 30mg of a full spectrum cbd oil with my coffee in the am. During the day I may have a cbg 10mg or a few depending on how my body feels. And at night I take 5-10mg of a delta 8. That helps me go to sleep and stay asleep. But the best part is waking up in am not drugged up or feel like I'm hung over.

I also started a Cbd e-commerce for pets and people in 2017. I am able to pass on my experience to those who need help.

I get it. There is bad actors out there who ruin it and don't care.
I care and by banning the hemp industry I will be in pain or have to move to another state where I can take care of my self.

Instead of ruining it for us all.
Implement the three rule

You get caught doing something. ORAL warning and educate.

Second offense. WRITTEN warning and large fine

Third warning. TAKE AWAY their license to sell in Texas.

But please. This is what gets me through the day.

No im not make millions or even thousands. I'm just one person who benefits from the hemp plant.

If you would like to talk more you can call me at 203-561-5703
Or email at
Sanchia@caspersoil.com

My web site is

Www.caspersoil.com

Thank you Stay safe and please allow us who are doing right to stay in business

Ahmad Nawaz

Self

Houston, TX

Its used for recreational purposes

Daniel Johnson

Self

Stephenville, TX

There is no reason to put a ban on THC and pass this Bill in Texas, if anything we should be doing More Studies on the positive affects of hemp and cannabis products!! I've watched some of those BOUGHT "Doctors" with their BS testimony and they're straight up lying and saying what they're told to say by those who have fill their pockets!! And just a little FYI, I do not and have never messed with pot, but right now for my pain at age 46 I'm on fentanyl patches and taking hydrocodone and I need a safe way to control my pain!! Hemp/cannabis is the safest way to control pain among a hundred other great things it can do.

Milinda Hernandez Smith

Self and my two businesses

Austin, TX

Testimony Against SB3 – House of Representatives Hearing
April 7, 2025

Hello Texas Representatives,

My name is Milinda DancingSun Hernandez Smith. I'm a Latina and Indigenous woman, a proud Texan, and a small business owner who has spent the last decade of my life building spaces of healing and empowerment in Austin. I am against Senate Bill 3.

Through my businesses, I've helped create safe, welcoming environments where my community can access plant-based wellness with intention, education, and respect. I've employed dozens of responsible people with meaningful jobs in the hemp industry and helped my community through grief and anxiety by destigmatizing hemp.

For me, this work goes beyond my businesses though—it's ancestral, it's personal and it's cultural. My ancestors have used this plant for generations to care for the body, spirit, and land. And now, after reclaiming that knowledge and creating positive conversations around it that uplift our community, I'm watching legislation like SB3 threaten it all over again.

It threatens not just commerce, but it impacts real people. It puts small business owners at risk, especially for communities of color. It disrupts access to healing, community care, and jobs. The people affected by this bill are not corporations—they are mothers, veterans, elders, educators, professionals, and small businesses trying to survive with integrity.

We have built something meaningful here in Texas. Please don't dismantle it.

Thank you very much for your time and for holding this important hearing.

Milinda DancingSun Hernandez Smith

Resident and Entrepreneur in Austin, Texas

832-560-5680

Isabella Hernandez, Ms.

Self, consultant

San Antonio, TX

My name is Bella. As a 26 year old single mother, learning along with her child how to manage the reactions to my emotions, using hemp as a healing tool/medicine, is critical. I struggle with BPD and complex ptsd, and have gone undiagnosed for other ailments. My son has been diagnosed with ADHD. The cannabis plant has been around for years, not only that, but the hemp industry is a \$10 billion market that I currently work in that supplies up to 50,000 jobs here in Texas. If you get rid of that, not only are you taking away my bread and butter, you will be taking away the single source of income I have. As a single mom already struggling with mental disorders, that will be detrimental to me. I promise most retailers and cannabis consumers want better regulation, we want our children to be safe, and we want healing for our communities. This bill is like a lot of the bills right now trying to pass that seem to want to suppress the people. Defunding education, taking away rights from trans people, immigrants, and minorities. Taking away freedom of speech when talking about a Genocide. Do you really care about the future of the next generations to come? Do you really care about children? If you pass this bill, your actions will speak louder and you will have validated the way I feel about how you view the amazing people of Texas. LESS THAN. So if that's not true, show me with your actions, prove to us that you will do the right thing and consider the future of generations to come. Enough with the suppression and repression, WE TEXANS DESERVE BETTER, Every human deserves better. This government system that we have in place is working as planned, against the majority of U.S. Americans and Americans everywhere, people everywhere. It needs to change and you can either change with it or get lost in the dirt, because we are not going to give up our rights, just because you don't like them. All power to the people.

Adrianna Parker

The Gass Shack

Woodway, TX

I myself am a cannabis, consumer. I suffer from PTSD from an abusive marriage. I would have nightmares and dramatic flashbacks. I went to many different doctors and therapist and we're only prescribed pharmaceutical medication after trying to go through multiple different medication's for these problems. I decided that I was going to look for more healthier natural ways And I came across Texas cannabis cannabis has really changed my life and has gotten me off of all pharmaceutical medication's, and I'm not racked anxiety or fear anymore and it's due to this drug. Please do not make it illegal because I don't know what I would do without my medication and it would be harder for me to go to other states to receive this help

Brian Davis, Mr

Self

San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose the passing of Senate Bill 3 because hemp has played a vital role in saving my life. It helped me stop drinking alcohol and using cocaine—two substances that have destroyed countless lives and are directly linked to millions of deaths, including many here in Texas. In contrast, hemp has not caused a single death. It has been a source of healing, balance, and recovery for me and many others. Restricting access to hemp would not protect Texans—it would harm those of us who rely on it as a safe alternative and a tool for sobriety. Please don't take away something that's saving lives

Miren Hinojos

Self- manufacturing operator

Austin, TX

As a medical cannabis patient- i highly oppose this bill. I believe responsible Texas should have a choice in what they consume, medically and in recreation. As well as having diverse, safe, tested options. Many businesses and patients will suffer, as the unsafe, black market will thrive.

Bristi Crosby
Self- disabled retiree
Bastrop, TX

Please the people are against this! Please consider the forward movement we have had and many other states at regulation not removal, Texas should not move backwards. I have PTSD and rely on a fixed income to live. Cannabis/ Hemp/CBD and TERpenes/ alternative THCA and products that I can buy at my local dispensary or even gas station legally with an ID just like cigarettes or alcohol provide me with relief from symptoms of my illness for less cost and less side effects than any other medication. This should be my choice, I should not have to move out of Texas to get proper medical care because of an outdated old idea that cannabis hurts people. Alcohol hurts people, cigarettes hurt people... but I can choose it legally if I want, so who are you to take that choice from me? Please consider that the majority of Texas residents want to completely legalize not remove THC. I reside in Bastrop county, over 60% of residents wanted this decriminalized, but due to this bill they squashed it. Where is the freedom of medical choice here? Do you realize that for medicinal prescriptions here the cost is often more than the disabled individual on a fixed income can afford? Cost have risen , this is a huge money maker for Texas and beneficial to all of us. I rely on going to the "gas station " to get my hemp flower with THCA because it works and I cannot afford a medical script and the cost of medicine both. I do not need a script with the hemp alternative, just regulate it tax it to get the state money don't take away the peoples choice. Use other states like Oklahoma for reference on medicinal regulation and Colorado or New Mexico for progress and ideas on regulation. The children there aren't dying from cannabis. That is just ridiculous. Also, consider this, if people cannot get it legally, then the cartel brings it in and it becomes dangerous because of possible fentanyl exposure, that is scary, that could cause death, so having dispensaries that regulate it safely would be the better choice, correct?

Bianca Costello
Self
Buda, TX

Recreational marijuana should be legal by now in Texas. Eliminating this will only hurt the Texas economy & also hurt Texans.

Dylan dever
Self/ Hemp salesman
San marcos, TX

I am against sb3 bill as it harms our Texas economy and is not a sensible hemp bill. The problem is not THC but lack of regulations on THC allowing it to be chemically synthesized from cbd. Banning it out right all across the board is not the answer as real THC is apart of full spectrum CBD. Without THC CBD doesn't work well in the body and only a little but is required. Creat better regulations to keep it out of gas stations and smoke shops that are chemically synthesizing it. Prohibition will never work and your taking it from the hands of people that are following the federal law of under 3% and giving it to criminals pushing it under ground. Create regulations to ban any THC that's been chemically altered and has to have 3rd party lab results to prove what is all inside it. Educating consumers is the key. Please don't pass this bill and come out with a more sensible one. Thank you for having a heart about this subject.

SONDRA HUDDLESTON
Self
Willis, TX

Asking that you vote No on SB3.
I'm personally asking for age limits and common Sense and logical restrictions. An all-out band would only fuel the black market. We need regulations and third party testing and age verification. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please vote No.

Blair Henderson, Mr
Self
Stafford, TX

As a constituent and supporter of Texas businesses, I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3, introduced by Senator Charles Perry. This bill would ban THC and most other cannabinoids in consumable hemp products, leaving only CBD and CBG.

A full ban would devastate Texas' legal hemp industry, pushing entrepreneurs out of business and sending consumers to the illicit market for these products. Instead of prohibition, we should focus on reasonable regulations that protect public health and ensure product safety. Implementing age restrictions, standardized testing, and clear labeling requirements will provide better oversight without crushing a thriving industry.

Texas has an opportunity to lead with smart regulation, ensuring safe, legal access to hemp-derived products while keeping businesses in our state competitive. I urge you to support a balanced approach that prioritizes consumer safety and economic growth.

Thank you for your time and service

Daniel Melton
Self
Bowie, TX

I oppose

Samantha Bonner
Zar Wellness
Roanoke, TX

I strongly oppose the SB3 bill because of the detrimental effects it will impose upon myself and thousands of Texans. At ZAR Wellness we have been serving many communities, especially our Veterans, with responsible hemp cannabinoids to tackle various ailments. We educate first & provide recommendations based on the needs expressed by our clients in various modalities ranging from tinctures, edibles, smokeables and topicals. We have always self regulated via age gating (21+ up to purchase products with THC), clean and clear labeling with 3rd party lab reports accessible via QR codes, child/tamper resistant packaging, and no medical claims made. It's very important to continue to help folks in our communities legally & give people the rights to make their own decisions on what types of products they choose to put in their body. Regulation is needed not an outright ban. I urge the House to oppose the Bill & instead provide a path forward for sensible regulation. Thank you!

Jessica Lytle
Self
Houston, TX

I'm not for this bill, we continue to move backwards on this subject. As a Texan we should let Texans decided how they want to move forward with hemp and cannabis in our state.

Nathan Rosales
self
San Antonio, TX

We do not need more restrictions preventing us from being able to access hemp products in Texas. I am a 13 year active duty Air Force Veteran. When I left the service I was excited to learn that my home state now allowed help products. Being able to enjoy these products recreationally is in my opinion a great way to end a long day and relax. But having access to hemp products is more than that. When I have anxiety about things in life or like when I was going through my divorce. Being able to go to a store that specializes in hemp products and get a natural product to help me through that very difficult time was amazing. And I didn't have to spend time to schedule an appointment, or spend even more money just to have access to hemp products. The state of Texas gave me the freedom to choose a hemp product, and with that freedom created more jobs and business. Vote against SB 3, Texans will be hurt and the State will lose out on taxes generated by these businesses.

Sushant Sabnis

Self

CONROE, TX

I oppose these bills because of the negative impact it will have on Texans and Texas small businesses that rely on these life saving products; I will not reelect supporters of SB3 & HB28.

Carla Edwards

Boyd

Boyd, TX

Please vote no to any regulations or bans on hemp products.

Melody Butler

Self, self-employed

San Antonio, TX

I stand against this bill and feel like it personally goes against what the people of Texas want

Holly Barry

Self

Springtown, TX

As a long time resident of Texas I support the sell and consumption of hemp products and the hemp-derived cannabinoids contained in these products. I have an autoimmune disorder that these products have helped manage my pain like no pharmaceutical can. I also feel that it has been proven through out this country that this product is not a threat to our communities as pharmaceutical controlled substances has torn apart and destroyed many communities in all states.

I am not only against taking away medical cannabis, I support full legalization of the product.

Laura Obita, Mrs

Self

Saint Hedwig, TX

I have used cbd for almost a year now it has helped me sleep at night and helps my anxiety lvls and helps my ADHD better than any medication by big pharmaceutical companies. The goverment of Texas doesn't and shouldn't have the right to tell anyone what they can or cannot consume ! Thats overreach. Lt Dan Patrick is obviously a rhino republican that is outdated and needs to retire he has no clue what's good for fellow Texans or anything for that matter.

Kevin A Hale

The Libertarian Party of Texas

Dallas, TX

Opposing the Criminalization and Overregulation of Legal Hemp Products

The Libertarian Party of Texas strongly opposes SB 3 and HB 28, two bills that propose sweeping restrictions, excessive regulations, and new criminal penalties on the production, sale, and possession of consumable hemp products. These bills represent a blatant overreach by the state and a direct assault on the personal liberties and entrepreneurial freedoms of Texans.

Criminalizing Peaceful Behavior

SB 3 and HB 28 would criminalize the possession or sale of a broad array of hemp-derived cannabinoids—including many that are currently legal and responsibly used by adults. Texans could face felony or misdemeanor charges simply for possessing products that pose no harm to others. LPTexas firmly rejects such punitive measures against peaceful individuals.

Devastating an Emerging Industry

According to the official fiscal note for SB 3, this legislation would devastate the industry that has emerged since the legalization of CBD and CBG just a few years ago. Texans have invested time, capital, and labor into building compliant, thriving hemp businesses. Destroying this progress through government overregulation is unjust and economically irresponsible.

Driving Demand Underground

This legislation does nothing to reduce the demand for hemp-derived cannabinoid products. Instead, it pushes that demand into unregulated, illicit markets—where products are more likely to be adulterated, mislabeled, or sold by actors who do not follow safety standards. If legislators are concerned about product purity and safety, the best course of action is to keep these products legal, tested, and transparent by not handing them back over to the black market.

Expanding Government Surveillance and Enforcement

SB 3 and HB 28 authorize broad state inspection powers and data-sharing with law enforcement, undermining the privacy of law-abiding citizens and businesses. These expansions of state power are contrary to the principles of limited government and individual rights.

Restricting Consumer Choice

Texans deserve the freedom to choose what they put in their own bodies. These bills restrict access to legal hemp-derived products that many adults use responsibly for wellness, recreation, or personal preference. LPTexas supports the right of individuals to make informed decisions without coercive interference from the state.

Conclusion

The Libertarian Party of Texas urges all legislators to vote NO on SB 3 and HB 28. These bills are anti-liberty, anti-business, and anti-choice. Texans do not need more criminal penalties or regulatory burdens—they need the freedom to live, trade, and consume peacefully and responsibly.

Let Texans decide. Keep hemp legal. Leave peaceful people alone.

Jared Thompson, Mr.

Self

Borger, TX

Hemp products help individuals that cannot seek medical care or for whom medications do not work. These products are affordable and far less harmful than chemically manufactured products.

Jin Patton

Self

Haltom City, TX

THC has helped me with my arthritis and fibromyalgia symptoms.

David Rossow
Smoking Valley LLC
McAllen, TX

My name is David Rossow, and I am a small business owner in Texas. I currently own and operate four retail locations that employ over 15 hardworking Texans. I am reaching out to express my strong opposition to SB 3, which would make hemp products illegal in our state.

As someone who interacts daily with customers who rely on hemp products, I can personally attest to the positive impact they have on people's lives. Many of my customers come into my shops sharing how these products help them manage pain, reduce anxiety, and improve their overall well-being. These are veterans, senior citizens, and everyday working people who have found relief through legal hemp products when traditional methods did not work for them.

Legal hemp products not only benefit individuals but also play a crucial role in our local economy. My businesses alone provide stable employment for over 15 people, supporting their families and contributing to the community. Eliminating these products would put my employees' jobs at risk and harm small businesses like mine across the state.

If SB 3 were to pass, it would not only disrupt the livelihoods of many hardworking Texans but would also force consumers to seek less desirable or even illegal alternatives to meet their wellness needs. Texas has benefited from the economic growth and community support driven by legal hemp since the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, and reversing this progress would be a significant step backward.

I urge you to consider the real-life impact that SB 3 would have on small businesses, local economies, and the individuals who rely on these products. Please vote against SB 3 and support keeping hemp products legal in Texas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
David Rossow

Richard Pruett
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Do not allow this bill to move out of committee and voted on in the house. Small businesses will suffer as well the consumers that use hemp for various medical reasons.

Henry Gray
Self
Kerrville, TX

Vote no or let Texas Residents vote on it, as we should be allowed to do on everything!!

Amy Sullivan
SELF Landscape Architect
Houston, TX

I am opposed to Bill SB3 and Bill HB 28. I am against banning Hemp products in the State of Texas. I believe it has helped me to deal with anxiety and stress. I don't drink alcohol or cigarettes, but I do use Hemp products to relax on occasion. People have established businesses in the Hemp industry here that will be hurt by this. People will lose their jobs. I don't understand shutting down a successful industry in Texas. I can see regulating it so that minors can't obtain some of the products but I do not understand banning it altogether.

Kim LeBLANC
1958
CEDAR PARK, TX

Please follow your constituents majority belief to move toward legalization and NOT in this direction, thank you

Wade Warner, Owner
Alamo Bud co
San Antonio, TX

As the owner of Alamo Bud Co. and, more importantly, a father, I am deeply opposed to Senate Bill 3. This bill not only threatens my small, family-run business—it threatens the livelihood and freedom of thousands of everyday Texans.

SB 3 is not just a regulatory shift. It's a sweeping prohibition that would ban legal, hemp-derived products like vapes, edibles, and concentrates that many Texans rely on for pain relief, anxiety, and wellness—products we've been legally selling, under regulation, for years. If passed, this bill would criminalize the very items sitting on our shelves today. That means anyone—your friend, your cousin, even your grandparent—could become a felon overnight for simply possessing a product they bought legally just the day before.

As someone deeply rooted in my community, I've seen how these products have helped people cut back on pharmaceuticals, manage stress, and find relief in a natural way. Our customers aren't criminals. They're veterans, teachers, parents, and hard-working Texans. SB 3 treats them as threats rather than the people they truly are.

This bill doesn't just affect consumers—it directly attacks small businesses like mine. We've followed every rule, paid every tax, and built something from the ground up. If SB 3 becomes law, I will be forced to lay off employees. My family will face financial uncertainty. And our local economy will lose a stream of revenue that supports not only cannabis businesses, but artists, designers, printers, landlords, and service providers across the state.

The economic fallout would be massive. Texas will lose millions in tax revenue and push a booming industry back into the shadows. Meanwhile, other states are embracing and regulating cannabis responsibly—boosting their economies and creating jobs. Why should Texas move backward?

I urge our lawmakers to see this issue for what it really is: not a moral panic, but an opportunity to support entrepreneurship, personal freedom, and smart policy. Please vote NO on SB 3 and work with us to create fair, safe, and forward-thinking cannabis laws in Texas.

We're not the problem. We're part of the solution.

— Wade r Warner
Owner, Alamo Bud Co.
San Antonio, TX

Twyla Schorr
Rock N Roll It
Houston, TX

No to sb3

Jessica Harrison
Myself and husband
Montgomery, TX

Please vote no. Neither my husband or I smoke but my husband takes a half gummy at night to help him sleep. He is a veteran of 10yrs. He has seen terrible things when he was abroad. The most significant thing that affects him is picking up body parts of a plane crash in Germany. All these years and the memories Still haunt him. As for me,I take kratom for pain twice a day. Our so called legal pain medicine does not help my neck pain. I had surgery and now have hardware in my neck. My surgery was 15yrs ago. There is nothing more they can do to ease my pain. We have a veteran daughter. Her back was destroyed by carrying heavy backpacks for 8 years. She takes a gummy at night to relax her back. She does not partake of any other 'drug'. She takes her prescribed medication from her psychiatrist. Her Dr said it would be fine for her to take a gummy at bedtime. We are not a family of 'potheads',we are middle to upper class that rely on thc to help us go day to day. We served this country because of the pride we feel. Why can Our country,our state help us? I believe that more should be done about alcohol, alcoholism-IE,DWIs!! What happened to 3 strikes your out? Dwi rate is frightening to say the least. Think of how many people die every single day in our state. I hope my text makes a difference. I don't believe we are asking for a lot. Don't let's stores run operations near schools if that is the basis of this bill. Crack down on ID checks the same is for cigarettes. Think of All of All Texans hemp helps! Thank you..

Jessica Harrison

Samuel Rivera
self, IT Systems Administrator
Forney, TX

This ban on THC is ridiculous. Prohibition didn't work and created the mafia. Your agenda is promoting illegal activities from the cartels. You're the reason why they're so powerful. and the prison lobbyists are just sticking their arm up your ass and using you like a puppet.

Kristie Tennant
Hemp
Granbury, TX

Leave well enough alone

Abigail Andrade
Self and Delta 8 Denton
Denton, TX

I am an employee of a regulated hemp business and this bill would affect me as it would leave me without a job including 60,000 others. I use hemp products to help with my anxiety and sleep schedules. I am highly against this bill as it would affect me in every way.

Francesca Silva
self, student
Denton, TX

I use hemp products for anxiety and insomnia. I cannot afford anxiety medication as a full time student. Eliminating my options would cause me to have panic attacks, sleep deprivation, and to pay out of pocket for unnecessarily expensive medication. The legislature should not be depriving adults of access to natural products they choose to use.

Zachary Beatty

self

Corsicana, TX

I am logging my complaint against this bill in favour of HB23. This bill only serves to destroy the reputation Texas has given itself as a lover of small business. The legal hemp industry is billions of dollars big, and supplies hard working Texans with tens of thousands of jobs. We will not win through banning, we win through regulation. HB23 will ensure these products are safe, regulated, and out of the hands of minors.

RONALD NAJARRO

All veterans

San Antonio, TX

I am an Iraq war veteran, had two tours in Iraq I have some brothers that didn't 4 or 5 tours. Hemp is not just another medicine for us, for a lot of us it has saved our lives. So of the stuff we did and experienced out there was not anything a 19 or 20 year old straight out of high school to experience. Till this day I still dream about a lot thing I had to experience. I have lost a total of 12 brothers because of medicines that were going to "help", did the complete opposite. The side of facts turned them to have no other choice then to end it. For the lucky few of us that have had to struggle and try not to end the same way we have taken in consuming hemp. Before I fully started to smoke atleast once a day, I would anger easily. I would always be down and not want to do anything with my wife and kids. Once I experience the affect of hemp and mentally get relaxed to be able to fell comfortable enough to want to spend time with my family. Made me want to go back out and be around other people, instead of picking up a glass of whiskey or alcohol I light something up and I'm able to enjoy a good party or get together with friends and family. I saw something online that got me pretty upset a doctor made a comment Hemp makes people gain weight. So far from the truth and he knows that alcohol gives u a beer belly if you drink it as much as you would a joint or something. Alcohol will make you do things that you regret the next day. The only thing that is making people gain weight is the pantry. Knowing what will give you the munchies and having self control. We are the ones that make the choice to hit the pantry or to stay away it's not the hemp. Yes if you eat something when your high it will cause the effect of wanting to keep eating. We have the choice of what we want to eat, Therese even research out there that shows hemp being very helpful with cancer patients. If you get Veterans and get a pole going I'm sure you will see a big number of veterans saying the same thing that it saved it life. I'm not to sure why we have some one stuck in the past and being prudes about hemp, when I'm pretty sure while 22 veterans a day are committing suicide they are probably on vacation or happy hours pounding down alcohol like there is not tomorrow. And no one is saying anything about that. We need to stop living in the past and get with the times, if you all could call humans they's and what ever else you want to call them. Veterans and civilians have the right to be able to enjoy something that helps them mentally like hemp.

Greg Dow

Self

Harker Heights, TX

Legalize it, tax it, regulate it.

Kascidy Trussell

Self

Fort Worth, TX

As a citizen of the state of Texas I am 100% AGAINST THE BAN ON THC in our state! I have first hand seen the amazing healing powers of this HIGHLY MEDICINAL PLANT! Every part of this plant is medicinal and banning all THC is a huge mistake and a missed opportunity for state revenue!

Marco M

Self

Pasadena, TX

I dont want this to pass due to the fact that it's funded by alcoholics

Redesya Brown
Hemp Dispensary
Houston, TX

SB 3 is an outrageous attack on Texas' hemp industry, small businesses, and our freedom to choose. This bill doesn't protect anyone — it destroys jobs, hurts farmers, and criminalizes a legal, thriving industry that so many rely on. We should be expanding opportunity, not banning it. I stand firmly against SB 3 — and every Texan who values freedom and fairness should too.

Justin Rangel
Self
San Antonio, TX

I disagree with this bill and will not be voting for the people who get this passed.

Charisse Short
Self
Nederland, TX

Disease in the simplest forms, is the result of the body's inability to achieve homeostasis. However, cannabinoids help the body achieve homeostasis when endocannabinoids are lacking. (Several studies to back it up.) The endocannabinoid system is NOT taught in most medical schools even though it's one of the most significant receptor systems in the body linked to pretty much everything.

It has been proven that extended use of cannabis does not harm the body. I suffer from neck and back pain from multiple wrecks and accidents when I was younger. The products you want to ban are the only thing that helps me. I refuse to take codeine or any opioids. I have never taken them and I have had family and friends suffer from opioid addiction. Cannabis does not cause overdoses and death like opioid based medicine and alcoholism. More regulations should be imposed and the products should only be sold in licensed dispensaries like other states. Gas stations and liquor stores should not sell the products. Texans need to be able to purchase products legally and not have to worry about buying products laced with fentanyl, which is what will happen. This bill will only hurt Texans and not help anyone.

Angela Jordan-Whisenhunt
Self
Abilene, TX

Thec and hemp products help tremendously with my pain and PTSD

Raymond Rangel
Myself
San Antonio, TX

I am adamantly opposed to SB3. Eliminating access to hemp and hemp derived products is unacceptable. I will vote based on this issue. Thank you.

Stephen Marengo, Mr
Self Director of Operations
Pflugerville, TX

I oppose SB 3.

Rowan Hamilton

Self, social media marketing

Denton, TX

I am a lifelong Texas resident and voter and am vehemently against this bill. Destroying an industry that creates 53,000 jobs and \$10.2 billion dollars for Texas is irresponsible, dastardly, and will only harm honest, hardworking Texans. Removing legal hemp products from the marketplace where they could be regulated is far more dangerous than simply regulating it. Making THC illegal will only put this product back into the hands of black-market dealers who certainly don't have to answer to ANY safety standards that could be implemented. This is a harmful bill that will obliterate the livelihoods of thousands due to century-old, outdated, and disproved myths about the cannabis plant. Thank you.

Christian Green

Self, Retail Representative

Fort Worth, TX

I work with many veterans and disabled folks who benefit greatly from THC products, which have been shown to greatly improve the lives of those who deal with PTSD, chronic pain, high stress, and many other ailments. I thought the Republicans were the party of small government? Why are they trying to take away our rights?

Marcom James

Self

Willow park, TX

This is a step in the wrong direction. All these products that perry is trying to ban are helpful to all kinds of people for all kinds of reasons.

Bridget Tice

Self

Pflugerville, TX

Against

Roberto Sosa

Joint Custody Smoke Shop

Houston, TX

Passing this bill would ultimately tank sales forcing my business to close, letting employees go, and forfeiting a lease from an independent landlord. Also if cbd is to remain without thc it would then be a synthesized process as stripping the remaining thc from the cbd would be unnatural. I have 11 years in the industry and have seen many use this as medicinal needs vs recreational with many testimonies how it has changed peoples lives for the better. We also paid roughly \$3500 each month to the tx comptroller pre hemp sales. Post hemp sales I avg \$6500 In taxes paid each month the comptroller, ensuring I am paying taxes on all items sold. I ultimately think this will tank the Texas economy and leave many empty units for lease that will go unrented for years costing more destruction financially for everyone.

Dee Lepine

Self, sales associate at a CBD store

Mckinney, TX

This bill puts countless businesses at risk. By passing it, we will lose 10 billion dollars in tax revenue. Not only that, but countless Texans who work in this industry will lose their jobs, qualifying them for unemployment. Tax payer dollars will be going towards all of these people who will lose their jobs.

I am a budtender. I have had people hug me while crying because of how I've helped them. Please if you do anything, regulate it. The smoke shops are the ones who are harming this industry, not us. Not the hemp workers who are in this industry because they care. Don't make my customers criminals, they're already terrified. It's not too late to do the right thing.

Taylor King

Self

Magnolia, TX

I am an adult consumer of hemp products

I use hemp products for [insert personal reasons]

If these are banned, I will [insert personal impact]

I don't wish to be forced into the Compassionate Use Program — it's expensive and limited

Hemp is already regulated by the state — we don't need more restrictions

Texans believe in freedom and personal choice — these bills go against that. I don't believe that this will help the people of Texas, only hurt them.

Tess Lee

Self

Tolar, TX

Y'all better not take away legal weed. I'm not even entirely sure that's what this bill is about. I'm diagnosed with a chronic disorder that affects all connective tissues in my body and I can absolutely say that marijuana is the best medicine (for me) out there. I have an addictive personality so the thought of consuming opiates and other stronger substances to ease my pain is very scary to me... Marijuana allows me to go about my day as if I don't have this disorder affecting me. I am 24 years old, my body shouldn't hurt as badly as it does.. Marijuana makes me feel like I can include myself in activities that young adults my age do. It is a relief knowing that marijuana is legal in Texas (regardless of loopholes taken) because I know my need for relief is not criminalized. Please consider opposing this bill for the sake of people like me. People in pain, and people who struggle on a much broader basis than healthy, able bodied people. Marijuana is the key to a life of normalcy for many in America... Please consider an opposition to this bill.

Alyssa Johnson

Self, licensed veterinary technician

Manor, TX

Against

John Kirby

Self

Granbury, TX

I support THC for the benefit of businesses, farms, jobs, textiles, revenue ect.

Fred Schiffelbine

Self

KELLER, TX

THC does more good than harm.

Andrew Deen

Self

Breckenridge, TX

Over regulation and lots of taxes on a plant that has been legalized by Trump's first administration in 2018? Kill a whole industry that just started? Sounds very non- republican. Plus, look at all the illegal issues California has with over taxed legal marijuana. Cartels taking over and black market marijuana! I don't think this bill is in the best interests of everyday Texans!!

Alicia Sipriano

Self

Dallas, TX

Our choice

Anita Rincon

Self

Dallas, TX

This bill would hurt rather than help our communities

Justin Drolet

Smokes N Edibles

Waxahachie, TX

Please keep hemp legal in Texas

Asghar Tootla

Bahama Mama

Humble, TX

1.

As a responsible adult, I use hemp products to manage daily anxiety, improve sleep, and relieve chronic back pain. I do not want to be forced into the Texas Compassionate Use Program—it restricts what I can access, costs far too much, and feels like a government-controlled business scheme. If my access to hemp were taken away, I'd be left with expensive pharmaceuticals, poor sleep, and increased stress levels that would hurt my mental and physical health. Adults should be trusted to make personal wellness choices. Hemp is already legal and regulated in Texas. SB3 undermines our freedom and gives the state too much control over natural health decisions. For me, hemp is the only solution that works without dangerous side effects—and it's never caused a single death.

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2.

I'm an adult who turns to hemp for help with focus, inflammation, and stress relief. The Texas Compassionate Use Program doesn't meet my needs—it's limited, hard to access, and overpriced. Taking away hemp products would leave me struggling with daily discomfort, lower productivity, and no affordable alternatives. Lawmakers shouldn't be choosing what legal natural remedies I can use. Hemp is already regulated by Texas health authorities and operates within both state and federal law. SB3 is not about public safety—it's about control. It takes away our freedom to choose while solving no real problem. Hemp works for me where nothing else does, and it has a track record of safety that speaks for itself.

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3.

I personally rely on hemp to calm PTSD symptoms, regulate my mood, and support overall wellness. The state's Compassionate Use Program isn't for me—it's expensive, excludes too many people, and forces me into a narrow system. If I lost access to hemp, my mental health would deteriorate, and I'd be forced to turn to pharmaceuticals with unwanted side effects. Texas adults deserve autonomy in choosing natural, effective wellness options. Hemp is a legitimate, regulated industry under both federal and state laws. SB3 ignores personal liberty and oversteps government bounds. Hemp hasn't harmed a single life—but banning it would certainly harm mine.

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4.

I use hemp because it helps me with joint pain, stress after long workdays, and better sleep quality. I don't want to participate in the Texas Compassionate Use Program—it's not designed with everyday users like me in mind. If hemp were no longer available, I'd face sleepless nights, painful days, and fewer affordable ways to manage stress. Adults in Texas should be free to access plant-based alternatives without being funneled into a state-backed system. Hemp is already legal and carefully regulated. SB3 would remove choice, limit small businesses, and hand power to a select few. There's no replacement for what hemp provides me, and no evidence that it causes harm.

Javier Huerta

Self

Midlothian, TX

I oppose this communist legislation. Hemp helps people all over Texas and is a safe effective product and affordable for all Texans. It helps me with my depression and sleep.

Hunter Foss

Smokes N Edibles

Waxahachie, TX

Please keep hemp legal in Texas

Melisa Winitzky

Self

Buda, TX

By eliminating access to regulated products, I'm losing my ability to get relief from all the surgeries, pain, muscle spasms and migraines I've been suffering from for over 20 years. I've been prescribed enough pain medication throughout the years with no relief. This natural plant has been my only source of help after searching endlessly for ANYTHING to safely and effectively work. If it is banned, I will be forced to the black market as well as thousands of others. SB3 is dangerous. I do not support SB3.

Nicholas Tovar

Self

San Antonio, TX

I strongly voice my opposition to SB3

Safwan Shaheen

Self

Austin, TX

No

Scottye O'Neal

Self / owner of Hummingbird Hemp

Brownwood, TX

In the 5 1/2 years that we have been in business we have seen the benefits that Hemp has to offer. We are regularly told that the products we sell have made it to where people can function in life now without having all the pain, trouble sleeping or crippling anxiety that has kept them from participating in society. Just last week I had a customer saying that she credits Delta 8 THC for saving her life. She had lost a child in a tragic way and every time she closed her eyes, she would relive the events over and over. Hemp derived THC has made it so that she can close her eyes and get some much needed sleep.

We have customers that have used pet CBD products and say they have their dogs back, that they could jump up in their vehicles again like when they were young. Sb3 is an all out ban on Hemp and all it's going to achieve is to make hundreds of thousands of adult Texans into felons overnight and cause 50000 people to lose their jobs. So I urge you to vote no on senate bill 3.

Keyla Ayala

Self

Plano, TX

I AM AGAINST THIS BILL!!

Matthew Moore, Dr.

Self, consultant

Austin, TX

My name is Dr. Matthew Moore. I hold a PhD in chemistry from the University of Texas. I've spent years working in pharmaceutical manufacturing here in Texas under FDA and DEA regulations, making sure that chemical ingredients and medicines are safe, pure, and high quality.

Senate Bill 3 would place harsh restrictions on hemp-derived cannabinoid products in Texas. While the goal may be to protect public health, this bill would effectively ban most legal hemp products and shut down an entire industry, without improving product safety.

One of the main concerns seems to be how some cannabinoids are made using chemical changes. But chemical transformations are not dangerous by themselves—they are common and well-controlled in pharmaceutical science. What matters is whether the final product is purified and tested for safety. That's where regulation should focus—not on how the product was made.

The bill also sets an impossible purity standard by requiring products to contain “no other cannabinoids.” This is not scientifically realistic. Even the cleanest cannabis extracts contain tiny, harmless amounts of other natural cannabinoids or breakdown products. Setting a standard that no product can meet is the same as banning everything.

If passed, SB 3 would not only wipe out most legal hemp products—it would also waste taxpayer money. Similar laws in other states have already led to expensive court battles, and this bill would almost certainly face immediate legal challenges. Texas doesn't need to spend millions fighting lawsuits when a better option is to create clear, science-based rules that protect consumers and support safe businesses.

Right now, the Texas hemp industry is worth \$8 billion and supports over 70,000 jobs across farming, labs, and retail. This bill would destroy that industry overnight, push consumers into unregulated markets, and hand economic opportunities to other states.

SB 3 does not protect public health—it bans safe, legal products, hurts Texas workers and businesses, and opens the state to lawsuits. Texans deserve better policy and better use of their tax dollars.

Keyla Ayala

Self

Plano, TX

PLEASE DO NOT BAN HEMP/THC PRODUCTS! The people of Texas are shouting at yall!! We need yall to hear us!

This is my lively hood and we provide people with care and health, hemp has provided jobs, mental health, physical health and much more for people of Texas! Just let us have it !!

Mickey Harris, Rev

The Happy Cactus

Austin, TX

As the owner of a hemp retail shop in Texas, I'm deeply concerned about HB 28, a bill that may seem like a simple regulatory measure, but in reality, it could be just as damaging to our industry as SB 3. While it may appear to be a small tweak to regulations, its impact on our business, our employees, and our customers would be profound. If passed, HB 28 could force us to close our doors and lay off more than 10 dedicated employees who rely on their jobs to support their families. Beyond that, it would strip our loyal customers of access to the high-quality, natural hemp products they depend on every day for their overall well-being. This bill doesn't just threaten our business—it threatens thousands of small, family-owned hemp businesses across Texas that have worked hard to contribute to the state's economy and support local communities. HB 28 could lead to the closure of many shops, creating a ripple effect that would harm both local economies and the people who rely on these products for better health. I urge lawmakers to see the far reaching effects of this bill. We need policies that support growth and opportunity, not those that hinder this growing industries success.

Nick Fallon
goodblend texas
Austin, TX

Goodblend is a trusted medical cannabis provider headquartered in Austin, Texas, dedicated to improving patient quality of life under a doctor's prescription. We collaborate with healthcare professionals and community organizations to ensure safe, reliable treatment options for those who need them most, with a special focus on veterans, seniors, and others with chronic or episodic conditions. We appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 3.

As one of three licensed cannabis providers in the Texas Compassionate Use Program, we understand the importance of regulating hemp-derived cannabis products. These cannabinoids, such as deltas -8, -9 and -10, HHC and THCA, have the same intoxicating effects as the products found in the Compassionate Use Program, but they are sold to the public without restriction and without the guidance of a medical doctor. In fact, these unregulated products can even be found in unmanned vending machines! For too long, these unregulated intoxicating hemp products have been sold to Texans without testing and with limited safety standards like dosing requirements and child-proof packaging.

Patient safety and providing quality care is the number one priority of our company. We cannot compete with a consumable hemp market that is untested, unregulated and sold to the public without restrictions. Every day, thousands of ill and elderly Texans seek relief from these unregulated hemp products without knowing what they are consuming, and with little guidance as to the amount they should consume to help with their ailments. This is very concerning to our company because we take pride in helping our patients access high quality and safe medicine.

We ask the Texas legislature to protect Texas consumers from exposure to intoxicating substances by banning consumable hemp products with cannabinoids.

Kristina Bauer
Self
Richardson, TX

Hands off all marijuana products and legalize it. It's the only way I survived 10 year long neurological Lyme treatment after going misdiagnosed 30 years. I was able to avoid addictive pharmaceutical drugs pushed by drs who didn't know what they were doing to deal with my severe illness. I am seizure free and in remission but have head tremors controlled by medical THC I have a prescription for.

Focus on our corrupt medical system leaving millions to self treat because y'all aren't doing the job you were sent to do.
REFORM MEDICAL CARE STANDARDS FIRST.

HANDS OFF OUR HEALING!!!

Devante Green
Self
Waxahachie, TX

This is a natural medicine that helps millions of people. Along with helping with depression, anxiety, ptsd and along with plenty of other things. It doesn't harm anyone as much as alcohol does.

Kaitlyn Utter
Self/Customer Advocate
Amarillo, TX

Cannabis, the plant that could help feed people, clothe people and medicate people. The plant the helps younger generations step in and heal generational trauma and break cycles that have been passed down through families. The plant that has healed the brain of those who suffer daily with seizures or tremors from Parkinson's disease. The plant that allows our soldiers to live a life of peace after their government caused them so much heartache and trauma. The plant that allows for pain management with out the risk of destroying our kidney's. We need Cannabis and we need our politicians to stop acting like they care about us when they aren't even listening to us. We need Cannabis, we need it in a safe environment where we can purchase it and be at peace of mind knowing that it's regulated and safe for consumption. Y'all make it so easy for people to consume alcohol which year after year is destroying people's lives but you won't help your people safely get the medicine they need to save their lives or change it for the better? Create jobs, create revenue and create medicine for your people. Cannabis is a medicine for the people, are you for the people?!

Maritza Molina
Self
Waco, TX

Oppose

Christopher Self
Self
Garland, TX

I oppose SB3.

Julio Jimenez
Self
San Benito, TX

I am writing to urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3, which proposes a full ban on legal hemp-derived THC products in Texas. This legislation would represent significant government overreach, jeopardizing tens of thousands of jobs and harming an industry that contributes over \$8 billion annually to the Texas economy. The bill would also have numerous, adverse societal implications, if it became law.

The hemp industry currently supports more than 50,000 jobs across various sectors, including agriculture, retail, and manufacturing. A full ban is not conservative policy but infringes on individual liberties by stripping Texans of a lawful product they rely on for pain relief, sleep, and stress management. It would also push consumers toward unregulated, potentially dangerous black markets. Hemp is already a federally and state-regulated product, with robust safety standards in place to ensure quality and protect consumers.

While we support efforts to keep hemp products away from minors, we believe a sweeping ban is not the solution. Instead, we support enacting additional safety standards to protect children, such as limiting sales to individuals 21 and older, implementing child-resistant packaging, and restricting sales near schools.

The Texas hemp industry has a multiplier effect—every \$1 spent on hemp products generates an additional \$2.80 for the local economy. Banning these products would negatively impact the economy and harm the livelihoods of Texans who rely on this industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust you will stand with Texans in opposing this harmful legislation.

Bryce Spears
Self
Dripping springs, TX

Please do not vote in any way that inhibits or impairs my or access to this potent medicine. CBD and THC were put here on planet earth by God Almighty, the creator of the entire universe for me to use. No one has the right or authority to stand in between what God gave to us all. In no form or fashion do I advocate for you to make it harder, more complex or more costly for me and my family to have access to this medicine!

in no form or fashion do you have the right to inhibit my access to this medicine.

Muhammad Asim Chaudry
Bahama mama
Richmond, TX
No ban plz

Amy Ables
self business owner
Lampasas, TX

I strongly oppose Texas SB 3, which seeks to restrict consumable hemp products. As someone who responsibly uses these products to manage anxiety and improve sleep, I can say firsthand that they have been life-changing for my well-being. These products are safe, legal, and accessible—and more importantly, they offer a much-needed alternative to pharmaceutical options that often come with undesirable side effects.

Before I was able to purchase hemp locally, I had to drive to another state just to access products. Ironically, the hemp products legally available in Texas are far less potent than those in other legal states but do the trick for what I use them for. HB28 would push people like me back into desperate measures like driving to another state or forcing us to go without something that truly helps.

Beyond personal impact, SB 3 would also hurt local businesses. The store where I currently buy hemp employs hardworking people who depend on this industry to support their families. If this bill passes, those jobs—and many others like them across the state—will disappear.

Let's also talk about commercial real estate. In a time when office buildings are sitting empty due to the shift to remote work, hemp retailers are one of the few new business types breathing life into our storefronts. These businesses pay rent, create jobs, and offer safe, regulated products to consumers. Eliminating them would contribute to economic stagnation in already struggling commercial corridors.

SB 3 doesn't just target hemp—it targets personal freedom, small business, and economic revitalization. I urge lawmakers to reject it and instead support responsible regulation that protects both consumers and the economy.

Julia Wheeler
Texas Green Craft
Hempstead, TX

I oppose SB3 because I have watched first hand it save my relatives lives from Chronic Illness, including myself. I suffer from an incurable chronic illness with no solution and Texas Hemp has been the ONLY thing that has given me any ounce of relief from my chronic illness. Texas Hemp has given me a second chance at life.

William Martinez

Self

Magnolia, TX

Perry and Dan Patrick both say this bill is to protect the kids, but what about the crisis currently happening with school lunches? The food that children are being fed is low level, processed, sugar filled, unhealthy food. This bill does not address children, this bill is meant to destroy lives, to destroy businesses, to destroy families. Let's think about regulations, better formation on how hemp is sold. A more structured department of hemp where things are more controlled, but please do not continue mentioning children if the state of Texas has yet to address the health of the children in the state of Texas. Let's allow Texans to continue to prosper, give Texans the opportunity they deserve. Regulation is needed and should be implemented, but not a ban. There is a huge conflict of interest in this, and it shows both men are not even native Texans. Their interest is not in helping Texans, but instead to destroy Texas. Please reconsider this bill and change the format, thanks.

Luke Hartline

Self

Crandall, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3, which proposes a ban on hemp-derived cannabis in the state of Texas. As a concerned citizen and advocate for public health, I believe this bill would have detrimental consequences for both individuals who rely on hemp-derived products for their well-being and for the broader Texas community.

Hemp-derived cannabis, specifically cannabidiol (CBD) and other non-psychoactive compounds, is a safe and effective treatment option for a variety of conditions, including chronic pain, anxiety, insomnia, and epilepsy, among others. Research has demonstrated that hemp-derived cannabis can be a vital tool in managing symptoms for individuals who may not have access to or wish to avoid more traditional, often more harmful pharmaceutical treatments.

It is crucial to note that hemp-derived cannabis products, particularly those containing less than 0.3% THC, do not induce the "high" typically associated with marijuana. These products have been shown to have no significant psychoactive effects, making them safe for everyday use and appropriate for people of all ages, including children with seizure disorders. The ban proposed in SB 3 would criminalize access to these non-intoxicating, therapeutic products, depriving Texans of a safe, natural remedy that has helped thousands of individuals.

Furthermore, the legalization and regulation of hemp-derived cannabis products in Texas has provided a much-needed economic opportunity for farmers, small businesses, and manufacturers. By supporting this industry, Texas has seen growth in agriculture and employment, and the potential for further innovation in the wellness sector. A ban would undermine this progress and harm many local communities.

I urge you to carefully consider the far-reaching consequences of Senate Bill 3. Rather than restricting access to safe and effective hemp-derived cannabis products, I ask that you support policies that protect consumers, encourage responsible regulation, and preserve the freedom of Texans to choose natural, non-addictive alternatives for their health and wellness needs.

Please stand with the many Texans who benefit from hemp-derived cannabis and oppose this harmful bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Heidi Calka

Self

Magnolia, TX

Please DO NOT pass this bill. So many people have benefited from the positive attributes, including myself. It is the ONLY product we have found to help with sleep issues. It is non-addictive and natural. Thank you.

Derek Ochoa
Self
Austin, TX
GET RID OF THIS

Trixie Rogers
Self
Cresson, TX
Legalize

Mohammad Omar
Bahama Mama
Cypress, TX

I use hemp because it helps me with joint pain, stress after long workdays, and better sleep quality. I don't want to participate in the Texas Compassionate Use Program—it's not designed with everyday users like me in mind. If hemp were no longer available, I'd face sleepless nights, painful days, and fewer affordable ways to manage stress. Adults in Texas should be free to access plant-based alternatives without being funneled into a state-backed system. Hemp is already legal and carefully regulated. SB3 would remove choice, limit small businesses, and hand power to a select few. There's no replacement for what hemp provides me, and no evidence that it causes harm.

Tristan Williamson
Self
Granbury, TX

I feel like instead of banning something that has so many great benefits. Lets regulate it like tobacco and alcohol. Its always ban this, ban that. We've been in prohibition for far too long. There is so much science and information in hemp out these days. Texas as a state is behind on laws and regulations. We see how California, Oklahoma, new mexico, washington, Colorado, and other states have increased state revenue and took hemp out of the hands of gangs dealing it on the streets. The texas house can start here, right now. A true change for the better could come but its up to yall to vote correctly. You cant stop hemp, if you ban it, it just goes back to the streets. Make an impact and help make the change to regulate instead of ban

Ibrahim Syed
Bahama mama
Webster, TX

I'm an adult who turns to hemp for help with focus, inflammation, and stress relief. The Texas Compassionate Use Program doesn't meet my needs—it's limited, hard to access, and overpriced. Taking away hemp products would leave me struggling with daily discomfort, lower productivity, and no affordable alternatives. Lawmakers shouldn't be choosing what legal natural remedies I can use. Hemp is already regulated by Texas health authorities and operates within both state and federal law. SB3 is not about public safety—it's about control. It takes away our freedom to choose while solving no real problem. Hemp works for me where nothing else does, and it has a track record of safety that speaks for itself.

Mohammad Usman Qureshi
Bahama mama
Cypress, TX

As a responsible adult, I use hemp products to manage daily anxiety, improve sleep, and relieve chronic back pain. I do not want to be forced into the Texas Compassionate Use Program—it restricts what I can access, costs far too much, and feels like a government-controlled business scheme. If my access to hemp were taken away, I'd be left with expensive pharmaceuticals, poor sleep, and increased stress levels that would hurt my mental and physical health. Adults should be trusted to make personal wellness choices. Hemp is already legal and regulated in Texas. SB3 undermines our freedom and gives the state too much control over natural health decisions. For me, hemp is the only solution that works without dangerous side effects—and it's never caused a single death.

Clint Starrett

Self

SUGAR LAND, TX

I am in opposition of SB 3. While the need for regulations are necessary they should be done properly. The majority of us, business owners are already licensed and abiding by the rules and regulations set forth by the state. Most go above and beyond that as well. My shop, my families shop was started in 2019 with the passage of the amazing HB the way it was written. I retired from the city government, as a utility operator and opened a shop with my mother and brother. My mom was so amazed by how hemp helped her rheumatoid arthritis that she put her life and money into a store front and helping everyone she could. I've run that store since then. The patient base is not children nor is it people looking to just "get high". It is sick older individuals looking for help, any help they can for pain, lack of sleep, or even anxiety. Many terminally ill patients, people we've built friendship with have come and gone unfortunately, but during their time with us they found relief. I've tailored my life around cannabis and all it's amazing benefits. I've had two beautiful girls while owning and operating my business. They are young and fully aware of what their pop does. It's medicine, and they know many of the people it helps. I'm not wealthy, not even close, But I'm happy and the people I help are very happy and much healthier than they were before they found us. Banning any part of this plant is not going to help anyone, it'll only hurt people. Like I stated before, we're paying for our licenses and following the regulations in place already

I urge you, please go after those that aren't. Go after those that intentionally aim for gimmicks and bright colorful packages to kids, but the ones following the amazing HB passed in 2019, please let us keep helping our communities. I oppose SB 3 and look forward to seeing some changes in the ways it's written or to see it not progress any further. I urge you to look and listen to the veterans and the sick people wanting to keep hemp around and safe. Thank you for your time and hard work on this issue.

Seanna Daniels

Self

Pearland, TX

Hemp derived products were and are the only things that are keeping me functioning; i have Tourette's Syndrome, Autism, and Psoriatic Arthritis. Being able to safely and legally purchase hemp products is very important to me, and millions of other Texans. 68% of us want cannabis legalized. The government is meant to be for the people and by the people; NOT by corporations that want to sweep small businesses to the side.

Matt Zadow

Lazydaze

Pflugerville, TX

Just admit that people use this medicinally and you cannot make this illegal.

Dave Peters, President

REEF Natural

Helotes, TX

I am against SB3. I am an owner of a CBD and Wellness Store in Helotes TX. We are committed to doing the right thing by providing COA's, having proper labels, selling to adults only, and offering awareness. We want to see regulation not obliteration. We are against SB3

Jaden Montoya, Sr

Gass shack

Waco, TX

If approved and passed this bill will affect hundreds if not, thousands of innocent Americans and their families negatively and we'll just show further the point that Texas is run by a bunch of rich monopolistic oligarchs

Zachary Metz, Business Owner

The Gass Shack®?

Waco, TX

Statement Opposing SB 3 & HB 28 – Texas Legislative Hearing

Good afternoon Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Zach Metz, and I'm the founder of The Gass Shack®, a compliant, community-rooted cannabis brand and dispensary proudly operating in the state of Texas.

Today, I'm here to strongly oppose Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28, because these bills do not protect public health or safety — they attack legal businesses, kill jobs, and ignore science.

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SB 3 and HB 28 will do the following:

- Ban federally legal, non-psychoactive hemp products that consumers rely on for wellness, sleep, anxiety, and pain.
- Shut down hundreds of compliant, tax-paying small businesses, eliminating thousands of Texas jobs overnight.
- Send consumers back to the unregulated underground market, where there is no testing, no age verification, and no oversight.
- Open the floodgates for out-of-state corporate monopolies to take over once Texas legalizes full cannabis — leaving local entrepreneurs behind.

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The Real Solution:

- Enforce existing laws already in place for age verification, packaging, and safety.
- Support a regulated, equitable hemp and cannabis framework that uplifts Texans — not punishes them.
- Let us continue building safe, transparent access while keeping dollars, jobs, and innovation right here in Texas.

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As an operator, a parent, and a Texan — I urge you:

Don't destroy what's already working. Don't criminalize compliance.

Vote NO on SB 3 and HB 28, and work with this industry, not against it.

Thank you.

Nicole Dortona

Texas hemp business council

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. This bill would put me out of work and 53000 Texans. This bill bans a thriving 10 billion dollar industry that helps veterans, elderly, disabled and other Texans who depend on these products. We support sensible regulations and have been asking for years for these to be implemented. The people of Texas deserve choices outside of dangerous pharmaceutical drugs. I ask that our politicians consider the harm this bill would do to our economy and people's health. Please do not pass this bill.

Ammad Raja, Mr

Bahama Mama

Humble, TX

I oppose to this bill

Virginia Arenz

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Hemp is a natural product that helps many people including myself. As a cancer survivor I am faced with many issues including anxiety, depression and lymphedema. Please keep your hands off the hemp products and industry!

Ahmad Sharjeel

Self

Houston, TX

This is the right of every citizen

AMBER Cooper

Veterans

Brownsboro, TX

PROPOSED REGULATIONS COULD THREATEN HEMP'S \$10B CONTRIBUTION TO TEXAS ECONOMY

That's why our industry supports further responsible measures, cap on THC levels, limiting sales to individuals 21 and older, requiring child-resistant packaging, and ONLY allowing these products to be sold in a store where you have to be 21 and older to enter. With the right safeguards, we can protect consumers, preserve jobs, and ensure the industry's continued growth.

A newly released economic report, *Hemp-Derived Cannabinoids in the Lone Star State: A Revisit of the Economic Impact Analysis of Cannabinoid Retail in Texas*, reveals that the hemp industry is a major contributor to the Texas economy, generating \$5.5 billion in annual sales with an estimated tax revenue of \$268 million.

Proposed state regulations, including Texas SB3/HB28, which seeks to ban all hemp-derived THC products, could cost the industry \$7.5 billion and 40,201 jobs, according to the latest data. "Texas' hemp industry is not only growing but also providing thousands of jobs and billions in economic impact. However, proposed regulations that restrict or ban hemp-derived cannabinoid products will devastate small businesses, eliminate tens of thousands of jobs and strip billions from the Texas economy. Lawmakers must consider the real economic consequences before making decisions that could shatter this thriving industry. The Texas hemp-cannabinoid market is home to more than 8,500 businesses, with 72% reporting profitability this year. The 2025 report further estimates the industry's total revenue at \$5.5 billion* and its overall economic impact at \$10.3 billion. Other sector findings include:

Retail Sector:

- Revenue: \$4.3 billion
- Jobs: 41,359
- Wages: \$1.53 billion
- Sales Tax Revenue: \$268 million

Wholesale Sector:

- Revenue: \$309 million
- Jobs: 4,043
- Wages: \$190 million

Manufacturing Sector:

- Revenue: \$956 million
- Jobs: 7,981
- Wages: \$374 million

Hemp products are more than just an economic driver, they enhance the lives of countless adult Texans and veterans seeking relaxation and wellness. Since 2019, the Texas hemp market has operated under strict regulations, including licensing, comprehensive testing, inspections, and proper labeling with ISO-certified lab reports.

*Gas station sales and revenue of larger manufacturers are not represented in the 2025 survey findings.

Study Methodology

Hemp-Derived Cannabinoids in the Lone Star State: A Revisit of the Economic Impact Analysis of Cannabinoid Retail in Texas was commissioned by the Texas Hemp Business Council and its founding member. The data was gathered through a 22-question survey by Whitney Economics, targeting hemp industry operators, including retailers, manufacturers and distributors. Conducted over six weeks in early 2025, the survey reached over 4,500 businesses, representing about 53% of Texas' estimated 8,500 hemp-related businesses.

Sarah Clark

Self

Keller, TX

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3) and urge you to reconsider its stance on cannabis legalization. The prohibition of cannabis not only overlooks its economic potential but also disregards scientific evidence regarding its safety.

Economic Benefits of Legalization

Legalizing and regulating cannabis in Texas could generate substantial financial benefits. Studies estimate that Texas could see \$2.7 billion in annual cannabis sales, resulting in over \$1.1 billion in tax revenue per biennium if taxed at Colorado's rate. Additionally, legalization would save approximately \$311 million annually by eliminating costs associated with misdemeanor marijuana-related arrests. Beyond revenue, it would create tens of thousands of jobs, fostering economic growth and reducing unemployment.

Scientific Evidence on Safety

Contrary to concerns about overdose risks, scientific research indicates that life-threatening overdoses from cannabis are extremely unlikely. While excessive consumption can lead to unpleasant side effects such as anxiety or nausea, these are temporary and non-lethal. Furthermore, cannabis lacks the fatal overdose potential seen with substances like opioids, making it a safer alternative for pain management.

Legalizing cannabis would not only provide financial relief but also align policy with scientific evidence, ensuring Texans benefit from a regulated and safer approach. I urge you to consider these arguments and vote against SB3.

Tiffany Shirey

Self

Houston, TX

Members of the House, I'm writing you not to politely request your consideration, but to deliver a blunt truth: SB3 is a calculated assault on Texas small businesses, and frankly, it begs the question – are you even listening to the people you claim to represent? Take Joint Custody Smoke Shop, a real-life business in our communities, not some abstract economic theory. SB3 will drown them in pointless red tape and exorbitant fees they simply cannot afford. The consequence is not just a closed storefront; it's a shattered dream for the owner and lost livelihoods for their employees. This isn't a game of numbers on a spreadsheet; these are Texans whose lives you are directly impacting.

And for what? What is the end goal here? To create a Texas where only massive corporations can thrive, while the unique character and local flavor of our neighborhoods are extinguished? Because that is the legacy you are creating. This isn't just about businesses closing; it's about the heart and soul of our communities being ripped out.

Therefore, I ask you, members of this House, with the frankness this destructive bill deserves: are you truly prepared to sacrifice the livelihoods of your constituents and the economic vitality of our state for reasons you have yet to adequately explain? Vote NO on SB3. It is time to stop this misguided assault on Texas small businesses before the damage becomes irreversible.

Janelle Graham

Self / Buisness owner

Austin, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today as a proud small business owner and Texan deeply concerned about the harmful impact that SB3 would have on our communities, our economy, and our access to natural, plant-based medicine.

My partner and I founded MARYJAE® not just as a business, but as a mission—to provide clean, safe, and effective cannabis alternatives to Texans who are seeking relief, healing, and empowerment. Our store has become a trusted resource for education, wellness, and community. We operate responsibly, within the law, and with the best interest of our customers and patients in mind. SB3 threatens to take all of that away.

This bill would not only put small businesses like ours at risk, but it would also harm the very people we serve—mothers, veterans, elders, and everyday Texans who rely on hemp-derived wellness products for anxiety, pain, sleep, and more. It would roll back progress, create confusion, and ultimately, push people toward unsafe or unregulated options.

We deserve the right to choose clean, natural plant medicine. We deserve the right to grow as responsible business owners. And we deserve lawmakers who listen to the people, not special interests.

Please do not let SB3 pass. Keep Texas moving forward, not backward.

With gratitude and urgency,

Janelle Lynn Graham

Co-Founder, MARYJAE®

Noheme Farolan

Self

Katy, TX

My son, Zach, started vaping synthetic THC in high school to “relieve stress”. He then began suffering of abdominal pain after 2 yrs of use. To relieve the physical pain, he used more vaping of THC. Then started vomiting due to pain, experiencing weight loss due to the vomiting and was admitted after ER visit due to severe dehydration and dangerously low kidney function. Tests showed he had small tears in his esophagus due to excessive vomiting, resulting in air trapped in his mediastinum (upper chest). Very close to kidney failure, and excessively thin for height and age, diagnosed w “young adult failure to thrive”. At the age of 24 yrs old my son was diagnosed with Cannabis Hypetemesis Syndrome. The effects of this syndrome are far more serious. Dehydration, kidney failure, esophageal varicese, and last but more seriously stroke and heart attacks. It is so common, Methodist Hospital System has a one sheet diagnosis sheet to hand out to patience for Cannabis Hypetemesis in their Emergency Rooms. Why is this acceptable in our society?

The regular dose in a joint is 40mg of THC vs 500+mg of THC in a cartridge of synthetic THC vape.

My 24-year-old son is addicted and in kidney failure from Synthetic THC Vape. This can be stopped. The only solution is a complete ban of Synthetic THC. I Support SB 3!

Bryan Perryman
The GrassHopper
Austin, TX

Howdy!

My name is Bryan Perryman, I own a retail hemp manufacturer license holder.

I am registering in opposition to SB3 and HB 28. I started my business about a year ago. It has been a really great experience! I have been trying to start a small business for a long time in Texas.

However, when the retail hemp program started, I realized that this might be something I could actually be successful at! And I was correct!

I always kind of thought Texas said they supported small business, but their policies really supported larger corporate entities due to it's regulatory structure.

But, I was proved wrong when y'all created our hemp retail program. It literally changed my life!

I am a tax paying citizen of Texas, I have no criminal record and I follow all the state, local and federal laws and ordinances regarding hemp. I will always do this.

I really wanted to address Senator Perry, who is from West Texas like me. He said that people like me and my friends here, we are "bad people.". Why? What did I do that was bad?

I work with a whole network of local growers, distributors, manufacturers, printmakers, I even donate a lot of the GrassHopper income to different community projects. I participate in them myself. I know many of the other license holders here that are the same. We serve our community in so many different ways. Ending this program will not only criminalize suffering people, it will completely destroy a community, of which I actually really love being a part. Please don't destroy it.

Ray Ramos
Willie's CBD Shop
Waco, TX

I oppose this Bill

Jace Allison
self
Richardson, TX

SB 3 goes against the principles of fairness, freedom, and opportunity that Texans hold dear. I urge you to vote no and help preserve those values. We need legislation that uplifts people, not restricts them.

Logan Ferguson

Self

Kyle, TX

Hello my name is Logan Ferguson and I am here today to express my opposition to the Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28. These bills are in place to suppress the consumable hemp market due to people not partaking in alcohol, wine and beverages as much. The Texas hemp industry generates approximately \$5.5 billion annually. This includes \$4.3 billion in retail sales, with the overall economic impact estimated at \$10.2 billion. Additionally, the industry contributes about \$267.7 million in annual state sales tax revenue and provides employment to over 53,000 individuals, with total wages amounting to \$2.1 billion. Both of these bills would cripple the prosperous industry. My worry about this situation is that Political Action committees or PACS have our politicians' pockets especially our Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, are having additional campaign contributions from Silver Eagle Beverages fueling this bill, which is an alcohol distributor based out of San Antonio and covers about 13 counties in southwest Texas including Bexar County. In the last two election cycles in 2022 and 2024, Silver Eagle Beverage CEO John L and Barbara Nau III contributed \$650,000 dollars to Dan Patrick and around \$90,00 dollars to the Beer Alliance of Texas PAC. The number one payee of the Beer Alliance of Texas PAC since 2015 is Dan Patrick with \$157,500. In 2024, the number three and number four top payees on the Beer Alliance of Texas PAC are Dan Patrick \$50,000 and Ken King \$20,000, the sponsor of House Bill 28. The cycle before in 2022, the Patrick received \$42,000 in funding while King only received \$2,500. In 2022, we had 42% percent of drivers killed in Texas with high alcohol levels, which is third highest in the nation. Over 26,000 crashes with more than 1,100 fatalities on Texas roads as a result of drunk driving. Ultimately, this is an alcohol backed bill that takes jobs and livelihoods away from people when the country is heading to a recession just so our politicians can keep their contributions and reelected positions. My name is Logan Ferguson and I opposed both Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28.

Aaron Weinstock

Self; data scientist

Austin, TX

Against, do not pass this!

Brian Morgan

Self - Accountant

Universal Cty, TX

I believe regulation vs a complete ban would be beneficial for the state of Texas as a whole. Tax revenue, elimination of a black market, and keeping/creating job opportunities are but a few of the positives that are possible through regulation. An outright ban will not stop the cultivation, creation, or sale of hemp and/or cannabis in my opinion. Prior the the farm bill passed in 2018 the black market "ran the show" and will do so again if SB3 passes. Give the state the power to step in and reap the rewards of regulation.

If you can't do so, then please consider a similar ban on alcohol, tobacco, highly addictive prescription medications, and many other readily available products that cause more harm as well as are directly linked to deaths over several decades.

Lee Ann Antuna

Self

Austin, TX

Against

Christopher Gonzalez
Bexar Kingdom Dispensary
San Antonio, TX

These products help so many of the sick, elderly, and veteran Texans. There is hope in Texas for a healthy community of people educating the benefits of hemp cannabis. I agree with regulating to shut out the synthetic products that are damaging our youth. To ban the entire industry as a whole would only create chaos and amplify the already staggering amount of fake cannabis products being sold today. We believe you will make the right choices.

Joshua Messman
Self ups employee
Granbury, TX

Texas is losing out on millions of tax dollars by fighting against hemp products. The farm bill signed by into law at a federal level made these products legal and should stand that way. This is an antiquated way of thinking and needs to be stopped.

Francisca Anciso, COO / Co-Founder
self
Austin, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Francisca, and I am the proud Co-Founder of MARYJAE®, a Latina-owned small business in Austin, Texas. I'm writing to strongly oppose SB3, a bill that threatens the future of hemp-derived products in our state—and with it, the health and well-being of the communities we serve.

At MARYJAE®, we offer safe, legal, and responsibly sourced hemp-derived products to Texans seeking natural support for anxiety, sleep, pain, and overall wellness. From veterans and elders to working mothers and caregivers, our customers rely on these products to manage their daily lives without turning to pharmaceuticals or risky options.

If passed, SB3 would eliminate access to federally legal, wellness products, forcing everyday Texans to seek relief through unsafe alternatives like the black market—where there is no regulation, no oversight, and no protection. This bill would devastate small businesses like ours, erase years of progress, and endanger the very people it claims to protect.

Texans deserve access to clean, hemp-derived options. We deserve the freedom to choose hemp-derived products that support our health and healing. And we deserve lawmakers who represent the people—not special interests.

Please vote NO on SB3 and keep Texas moving forward, not backward.

With urgency and gratitude,
Francisca Anciso
Co-Founder
MARYJAE®

Muhammad Serkan
Sb3
Houston, TX

It's a right of everyone to talk about this so we can keep this legalized

JT Barnett
Self / TV Producer
Dallas, TX

I do not support SB3 or HB28.. This bill will kill access to regulated products that help people, give billions of dollars a year to the black market and cost the state and additional \$750mm in tax payer revenue. There will be 50,000 Texas put out of jobs and kill the spirit or what Texas and America truly embody. Plz oppose SB3 and HB28 for Texans, this is what the people want.

Logan Ferguson
Self
Kyle, TX

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Logan Ferguson
self
Kyle, TX

Hello my name is Logan Ferguson and I am here today to express my opposition to the Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28. These bills are in place to suppress the profitable consumable hemp market because politicians' monopolized profits are shrinking in the alcohol sector. SB3 is an overcorrection to the whole hemp market while the HB 28 allows only Delta-9 THC to be consumed by beverage form and DSHS to transfer regulatory plan to TABC. The consumable hemp market industry generates approximately \$5.5 billion annually. This includes \$4.3 billion in retail sales, with the overall economic impact estimated at \$10.2 billion. Additionally, the industry contributes about \$267.7 million in annual state sales tax revenue and provides employment to over 53,000 individuals. My worry about this situation is that Political Action committees or PACS have our politicians' pockets especially our Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. He has received huge campaign contributions from Silver Eagle Beverages, which is an alcohol distributor based out of San Antonio and covers about 13 counties in southwest Texas including Bexar County. In the last two election cycles in 2022 and 2024, Silver Eagle Beverage has contributed \$650,000 dollars to Dan Patrick and around \$90,00 dollars to the Beer Alliance of Texas PAC. Since 2015, Silver Eagle Beverages have donated \$891,748.81 to Dan Patrick and \$432,043 to the Beer Alliance of Texas PAC, which is third highest on the list. The number one payee of the Beer Alliance of Texas PAC since 2015 is Dan Patrick with \$157,500. In 2024, the number three and number four top payees on the Beer Alliance of Texas PAC are Dan Patrick \$50,000 and Ken King \$20,000. The cycle before in 2022, the Patrick received \$42,000 in funding while King only received \$2,500. In 2022, there were over 26,000 crashes, more than 1,100 fatalities, and 42% percent of drivers killed in Texas with high alcohol levels, which is third highest in the nation. HB 4242 should be up for a debate and a vote as well. My name is Logan Ferguson and I opposed both Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28 because it allows the alcohol sector to monopolize a market and profit greatly while eliminating 50,000 jobs and more.

Sikander Karim, Mr
Standard communications
Sugarland, TX

I have seen most of people taking it as medication instead of xenax and adrol

Erum Karim, Ms
Self
Sugarland, TX

It should be sold since other pharmaceutical companies been selling medications

Bisaida Hernandez
Self
Irving, TX

Hemp and THC products have many health benefits and to contemplate banning these products will affect more people than we can imagine. It will take away revenue from the state. We have bigger fish to fry than to incarcerate people for consuming these products. Taxpayers are losing money for people incarcerated due to THC/hemp products and consumption.

Meghann Rutledge
Self
Weatherford, TX

As someone with chronic pain I would like the chance to use THC to help with my pain. I do not want to be high. I want to be pain free with out the side effects of the harsh medicines I have offered to me now.

Randy Aranda
Self
El Paso, TX

I am in opposition in banning of hemp and hemp derived products. Alcohol causes much more damage than marijuana has. If people can have their drink, having their dose of THC should be a given right. We as a country have MUCH more important things to look at than a plant.

Alyssa Bueno
Compliance Pros LLC
Bastrop, TX

my name is Alyssa Bueno, and I work for Compliance Professionals LLC in Austin, Texas. I am here today to strongly oppose SB3 and HB28.

For most of my life, I was ignorant of the hemp industry and unfairly dismissed its users as reckless and lazy. Ironically, it was during the most demanding and difficult time of my life that I realized its overwhelming benefits. During the last 2 years of my psychology degree at Sam Houston State University, I managed an intense schedule of round the clock school while while working a full time salaried job. On top of this, I was also trying to be a supportive and present wife for my husband who was serving in the Army at the time.

Amid this pressure, I was also diagnosed with severe depression and anxiety. My only medical option was a rising dosage of harmful antidepressants that did not work. Frankly, I didn't have the time to let my mental health slow me down. Desperate for relief, I turned to hemp-and it became my lifeline. Thanks to its benefits, I not only managed my responsibilities but I also became the first person in my family to attend and complete college.

Restricting access to Hemp Derived THC will not stop people from buying- it will only push them toward unsafe, unregulated alternatives. SB3 and HB28 eliminates the safety and quality control that regulated products provide, putting consumers at risk.

Beyond personal relief, this industry has provided me with stable employment and new goals for the future that now feel obtainable. The 2018 Farm Bill, and moreover the Hemp Industry has given me a career in a field I wholeheartedly support, and it has inspired me to pursue my own business. SB3 & HB28 threatens not just individual well-being but also economic opportunities for Texans like me.

I firmly oppose SB3 and HB28 and I strongly urge you all to consider the negative real-life impacts these bills will have. Think of the Texans whose livelihoods will be ripped away and families who will be impacted. Think of the Veterans, like my husband, who will no longer be able to obtain relief for their ailments. Think of the thousands of businesses that will close their doors and lay off their employees. These bills are devastating. Please oppose SB3 and HB28.

Thank you

Cisco Kidd
Self - TEXAS HEMP
Robstown, TX

The THC gov Perry keeps talking about isn't hemp or even regular THC that's hurting the kids, that's the delta 8 and all that fake stuff. Instead of taking it all away we need to regulate the market better. THC has many health benefits and is not a dangerous drug like other drugs not even as harmful as ALCOHOL, but that's legal for over 21, as should hemp/ THC be. You got people who know absolutely nothing about the medicine trying to control it! Listen to us Texans for once, more than 50% of the state is for THC LEGALIZATION!!

Justin Bullan

Self general manager

Manor, TX

Hello, I am the General Manager of a craft beer bar here in Austin. We obtained a permit via the state of Texas to sell consumable hemp products ~1 year ago. With this permit and a wave of interesting products we have seen our revenue increase quite a bit in that year. While some folks may not like or agree with cannabis I personally think it would be narrow-minded and short sighted to ban such a profitable product. One of the reasons I moved to Texas was the pro business policies. If the state determines they are no longer pro business many avenues for tax revenue may be hampered. As a state we do not have an income tax and rely largely on businesses and property tax to fund your salaries and state projects. If the yall determine that a massive avenue for tax revenue is "bad" because a subset of folks are anti marijuana and people having the choice to consume what they want. What message does that send to businesses that are looking to come to the state? The science around hemp and the says it is not as bad for the body and mind as alcohol and the state provides permits for the sale of hemp. It is foolish to offer a paid permit to businesses only to turn around and ban the product that we have been authorized to sell. Sb3 will hurt small and large businesses, lower tax revenue for the state and hurt consumer faith. Please consider reevaluating your positions on hemp. I support research and reasonable regulation. The majority of purchasers of hemp sodas from our bar are old white men. Anecdoteally one of our regulars was an alcoholic and he has since started consuming legal hemp, cut down on alcohol, found a partner that supports him and improved his quality of life. Stories like this are not few and far between. Please don't take away these tax generating and life improving products. Thank you for reading this and taking the time consider all sides of this unreasonably heated topic.

Adil Ali, Owner

Small businesses

San Antonio, TX

If enacted, SB 3 would have a devastating impact on my business and the broader hemp industry in Texas. The prohibition of THC-containing products would eliminate a significant portion of our inventory, directly affecting our revenue and potentially leading to layoffs of valued employees. The steep licensing fees and rigorous compliance requirements would further strain our financial resources, making it challenging to sustain operations.

Beyond the immediate effects on individual businesses, SB 3 threatens the economic vitality of a burgeoning industry that has contributed substantially to the state's economy. The bill could drive consumers to unregulated markets, undermining the safety measures that responsible businesses have implemented.

I urge lawmakers to consider the far-reaching consequences of SB 3 on small businesses, employees, and consumers who rely on these products. Rather than imposing an outright ban, a more balanced approach involving sensible regulation and enforcement would better serve the interests of public safety and economic prosperity.

Randy Shelton, Former Hood County GOP Chairman

Self / Automotive Sales Consultant

Granbury, TX

Ladies Nad Gentlemen, Today I come before you today by way of this statment. Today we are talking about banning products that are helping people everyday. Today those with Cancer, MS, Epilepsy, Chronic pain utlize hemp related product. Such uses have helped these individuals. The use abd or expanded use should be put forward to the Voters of Texas.

Jonathon Marroquin

self

Humble, TX

SB3 shouldn't pass because it would shut down a huge part of the hemp industry in Texas and cost the state a lot of money. If Texas legalized and regulated marijuana instead of banning THC products, it could make a ton of profit just from taxes alone. That money could go toward schools, roads, and healthcare. Other states are already doing this and seeing the benefits. With the right rules and age limits, it could be done safely and still boost the economy.

Ahmad Garcia, Mr.

MetaMaster LLC

Dallas, TX

Hemp products have many safeguarded uses in the world and Texas has some of the best quality growing soil America has to offer! Not being able to grow and cultivate within our own borders some of the finest quality hemp products to be able to show other countries we are top dog making America great!

Dustin Shelton

Self, disable-veteran Satellite Systems Operator.

Granbury, TX

Y'all won't even debate an alcohol ban, which kills addicts and kills innocent people in car accidents in massive numbers; but will target cannabis which has been proven to be fine throughout states all across the country. Could the corruption be anymore obvious? Why are you targeting a safe product, safer than alcohol.. hell, it's even safer than sugar. This Bill has money from pharmaceutical lobbyists, alcohol lobbyists, and judicial branch lobbyists written all over it.

Please do not ban safe entheogens! Don't demonize a safe product that provides peace and happiness to it's consumers!

Genesis 1:29

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:29

God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree, which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food.

Who are y'all to say God was wrong? Who are you to tell us we can't have the fruit of the cannabis plant? Certainly, you are not Christians if you vote in favor of SB3. A vote in favor of SB3 declares you are not a lover of God!

George Knowles

Self

Port isabel, TX

Against

Rae Bodey

Self

Jacksboro, TX

Listen to the people, we want medical cannabis! Allow us to vote, it's not fair to deprive Texans access to natural medicine that people in legal states have access to!

Chris Faulkner

Self

Waller, TX

CBD and Hemo should not be illegal. They are tools that people need access to for health use. Austin is becoming as bad as DC at over reach and over regulation.

Lori Bockover

Self

Whitehouse, TX

My daughter has a traumatic brain injury which comes with PTSD and chronic pain. If it wasn't for CBD and THC she would be on pharmaceutical narcotics. CBD and THC give her some sort of normal life without the harmful medications.

Corey Mendes

Self

Beaumont, TX

My name is Corey Mendes. I live and
work in House District 22, Beaumont Tx.

Good morning and thank you for the
opportunity to speak before the
committee.

I am here today to express my concerns
and contempt regarding SB3 and HB28.

I encourage you to oppose HB28 and
SB3 as it will cause more harm than
good. I understand the concerns from
LE about underage purchase and
consumption but did we ban alcohol or
nicotine when adolescents were caught
buying or consuming either of those
substances? HB28 seeks to place
enforcement of the Hemp industry to
TABC, which as stated previously they
don't have the best record of keeping it
away from children, not to mention not a
single death is due to THC overdose.

Can we say the same about alcohol or
tobacco? SB3 seeks to ban THC
altogether (only allowing cannabinoids
CBD, CBG) which would cripple the
industry and create higher
unemployment rates, bank loans and
mortgage defaults as families have

invested their life savings into this industry, commercial property default as businesses are forced shut down.

I do agree we need better oversight in the industry and more harsh penalties for anyone that sells it to a minor or intentionally manufacturers a product that exceeds tolerated THC limits but let's do it in a reasonable way that doesn't wipe out more than half of an industry. The majority of the merchant and manufacturing companies for Hemp in Texas follow the law and pay their dues and taxes. The problem lies with head shops and convenience store sales. Either one of these bills will kill a thriving industry and hurt the very Texans that you serve. If you wish to focus on a bill, please consider HB4242. If this is really about keeping our children safe then HB4242 addresses the these concerns, such as 21+, packaging and labeling and many more without crippling an industry. Thank you for your time and attention today.

Jill Pleick
Self
Tomball, TX
Don't let this pass

Humza Mahmood, Mr

Bahama Mama

Sugarland, TX

I oppose to this bill

Susan Whitley

self

San Antonio, TX

The Texas Hemp industry is already federally and state-legal and regulated by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Texans believe in personal responsibility and freedom—SB3 is the opposite of that.

- There are no products that work as well as Hemp for me, and no one has ever died from Hemp products.

It helped me stop using alcohol.

Esiquio Castaneda Esiquio Castaneda

My self

Bowie, TX

Oppose

Robert Gallegos

Self

Fort worth, TX

So do you want to give more money to the same people that import fentanyl? That is what you are doing. A ban will turn people back to the streets to get marijuana. Some of the sellers are part of a bigger criminal organization that drives drug importation and human trafficking. By placing a ban on CBD you are supporting the same organizations that are contributing to those. Good job Texas government. You may as well just hand cartels money.

Keisha Doss

Self/former Healthcare worker/Stay at home parent

Granbury, TX

Banning THC is not just misguided—it's dangerous public policy. I'm 40 years old and have lived with chronic pain for nearly 15 years. I followed the traditional medical path: opioids, procedures, endless prescriptions. The result? Addiction. I became dependent on medications pushed by a system that never offered real solutions—only temporary relief and long-term harm.

It wasn't until I turned to THC, along with Kratom, that I regained control of my life. These natural substances gave me back my quality of life without the devastating cycle of withdrawal and dependency. I'm no longer addicted. I'm functional. I'm present. And I'm not alone—thousands of people have similar stories.

If SB 3 passes, you will be criminalizing responsible citizens—patients, not criminals—who use THC as a safe, natural alternative to opioids. You will be forcing people like me back into the very addiction crisis we've fought to escape. That is not just unfair—it's inhumane.

Banning THC will not eliminate it. It will drive it underground, where there is no regulation, no testing, and no accountability. Black markets will flourish. Potent products will still be sold—only now they'll be unsafe and uncontrolled. Public health will suffer, not improve.

Meanwhile, legal cannabis businesses—operating in good faith under current law—will be decimated. Thousands of jobs will vanish. Tax revenue will disappear. Families will lose their livelihoods overnight. These aren't criminals—they're entrepreneurs, workers, and contributors to the economy.

And yet alcohol, a leading cause of traffic fatalities, violence, and disease, remains legal. Tobacco, which kills nearly half a million Americans a year, is still sold everywhere. But a plant that has never caused a fatal overdose is being targeted? That's not public safety—it's political hypocrisy.

Let's be honest: who benefits from banning THC? The pharmaceutical industry? Big alcohol and tobacco? These industries stand to lose if people turn to natural alternatives. Are lawmakers protecting constituents—or protecting corporate profits?

We are still deep in an opioid epidemic. Every day, Americans die from overdoses, suicides, and synthetic street drugs. Instead of promoting safe alternatives like THC, this bill would drive more people toward those exact outcomes. It will increase suffering, relapse, and death.

SB 3 is not a solution. It is a step backward. It ignores the science, the economic consequences, and the lived experiences of people who have finally found relief. It punishes those who've done everything right and forces them into pain, poverty, or prison.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on SB 3 and any bill that criminalizes natural medicine. You were elected to serve the people—not to strip them of their rights, their health, and their dignity. Stand with us. Protect our ability to heal. Don't trade our lives for political convenience.

Hannah Jala

self

Austin, TX

I strongly urge you to oppose SB 3 and HB 28. These bills would ban all cannabinoids except CBD and CBG isolates, effectively eliminating 90-95% of the hemp product marketplace, including most non-intoxicating hemp products. They would wipe out an entire industry, eliminate jobs, criminalize direct-to-consumer distribution and push consumers toward unregulated markets where there are no ID checks, no testing, and no oversight.

Rather than ban hemp-derived THC products, please consider a common sense regulatory framework which models what many other states have chosen—stronger enforcement, licensing for manufacturers and sellers, independent testing of hemp products, adequate labeling which prohibits child-enticing images, and age restrictions for consumable hemp products. These reasonable restrictions ensure that adult consumers have direct retail access to the products they need, while keeping intoxicating products out of the hands of children.

I appreciate your consideration.

Jeana Aliani

Self and Morning Dew Farms and Happy Hemp Co

Cedar Park, TX

If this bill passes, it would be in invalid according to Article VI of the U.S. Constitution (Supremacy Clause). The harm to small businesses and your constituents who have come to rely on federally legal natural alternatives for stress, pain and sleep would be devastating. This represents a clear, direct, measurable harm & tangible injury, resulting from this ban.

I urge you to create an age minimum, mandatory full panel testing, an added to tax to fund a regulatory team to mandate these regulations would not only be responsible but eminent.

Don't unravel the very freedom Texas was built on. Use this time as your legacy to make real change for the better of mankind.

Lorrie Vanistendael

Self

Nocona, TX

Many people use this for their mental health and physical health. Prescription meds are so harsh on the body. So many states are legalizing the "real" stuff. Why would Texas make stronger laws? Please rethink this. I dont smoke but I have family that it helps immensely. Thank you for listening

Frances Wilson, Mrs

self; retired

Houston, TX

Good afternoon,

My name is Frances Wilson and I live in Houston, Texas. I appreciate the opportunity to submit public testimony electronically. I want it to be on public record that I firmly support Senate Bill 3 (SB3), the Texas Senate's 2025 bill to ban synthetic hemp derived THC products in the Texas.

My firstborn grandson surprisingly began using THC at the age of 22. He was an adult when he started, not an adolescent. He became addicted within months, soon using every day, and eventually developed a delusion and paranoia. When his parents found out 2.5 years later, he freely talked about his THC use, about visions (hallucinations) and they thought that he might either have a brain tumor or schizophrenia. There is no mental health condition in my family, my daughter's family, nor pre-existing in my grandson.

For almost a year we tried to get my grandson to understand that he was suffering from a delusion and to stop using THC. He could not see that he had a mental health issue and an addiction. They finally got him the dual diagnostic treatment he needed and it took 8 months of addiction counseling and treatment to help him understand how his thought processes were totally messed up by the THC. The use of these substances is an assault on the brain every time one takes a hit off a THC vape, eats a THC gummy, drinks a THC beverage, smokes a joint or uses THC substances like concentrates or flower from a bong.

I am shocked to know all these terms and facts right now. I am 88 years old and should not have to watch my grandson go through this because our lawmakers at the state and federal level did not understand that the laws they passed in 2019 and 2018 were going to lead to so much addiction and lead to thousands of cases of psychosis from intoxicating hemp products (THC) in all its versions.

Please do what is right for our state and our country. Texas is better and stronger than this. If the federal government is too slow or uninformed to take care of this, you legislators in Texas must do so. Now. There is no time to waste.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

France Wilson

Hector Tello

Self

Buda, TX

I oppose SB3 due to limitations set and strict regulations. I use this for medicinal purposes.

Brett Armstrong

self

SAN ANTONIO, TX

This an overstep of big government controlling and preventing the freedom on people to purchase and consume what they want. There's better issues to focus than to waste time with this. If anything, cannabis should be more available in Texas and used as an alternative cash crop that uses less water and produces more usable biomass than cotton. Continuing to criminalize and avoiding a vast number of the voter base that uses cannabis/hemp products medically will only sour Texans.

Jerry Sowell

Self

Spring, TX

No on sb3 no on hb28

Maria Mcleod

None

McKinney, TX

Opposed

Eric Stager
self/Program Manager
Austin, TX

This bill would hurt Texas veterans who have come to rely on hemp products for relief from long-term pain and especially insomnia, which all the older veterans I know exhibit to some degree. The alternative is expensive and less-effective pharmaceuticals, or self-medicating with alcohol or illicit drugs. Legal hemp products are safe and I have seen no deleterious consequences from their sale to adults.

Sahand Naghavi, Mr.
Self, Health IT Specialist
Houston, TX

I am writing as a concerned constituent to express my opposition to the proposed bill relating to the regulation of consumable hemp products, which includes the transfer of regulatory functions, the imposition of fees, and the creation of new criminal offenses.

While I understand the importance of ensuring safety and transparency in the hemp industry, this bill overreaches in a way that could harm small businesses, limit consumer access to safe alternatives, and criminalize behavior that does not pose a real threat to public health.

Imposing additional fees and complex registration requirements will disproportionately burden small, local businesses that rely on the sale of consumable hemp products for economic survival. Many of these businesses have already complied with existing regulations and have built trust in their communities. Adding more red tape and penalties could drive them out of the market, consolidating power into the hands of a few large operators and depriving consumers of choice.

Moreover, the creation of new criminal offenses around consumable hemp products risks misallocating law enforcement resources and penalizing individuals and entrepreneurs unnecessarily. Hemp-derived products, especially those containing legal levels of THC, have helped many Texans manage stress, sleep issues, and chronic pain without relying on more dangerous pharmaceuticals.

Rather than introducing harsher restrictions, I urge you to support thoughtful, evidence-based regulation that prioritizes safety without stifling innovation or harming law-abiding citizens and small businesses.

Jakob Lange
Self
Austin, TX

Strongly appose

Norah Martin
self - small business owner
Dripping Springs, TX

Hello, I currently use legal hemp products to help me sleep. I have taken both over the counter and prescribed medications for a condition that have helped me to some extent, however, with a hemp derived product I get approximately 3.5 more hours of sleep than without. For me it is a quality of life and safety issue. I am safer driving a vehicle and using power woodworking tools (as part of my business) if I have a sufficient amount of sleep. Please DO NOT place additional restrictions on these products. You will merely shift users like me to non-legal alternatives, reducing income to the state and increasing crime. Please vote NO on SB 3.

Taylor Drever

ZAR

Pearland, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3 because of the detrimental effects it will impose upon myself and thousands of Texans. At ZAR Wellness we have been serving many communities, especially our Veterans, with responsible hemp cannabinoids to tackle various ailments. We educate first & provide recommendations based on the needs expressed by our clients in various modalities ranging from tinctures, edibles, smokeables and topicals. We have always self regulated via age gating (21+ up to purchase products with THC), clean and clear labeling with 3rd party lab reports accessible via QR codes, child/tamper resistant packaging, and no medical claims made. It's very important to continue to help folks in our communities legally & give people the rights to make their own decisions on what types of products they choose to put in their body. Regulation is needed not an outright ban. I urge the House to oppose the Bill & instead provide a path forward for sensible regulation. Thank you!

Angela Smith

Self and family

Beaumont, TX

Making this illegal is taking a step back in the progress the state of Texas has made in the last several years. It's time to listen to your citizens don't you think? Please don't send us back into the dark ages. This really helps my family and to not be able to acquire it legally would be a shame. Please do the right thing.

Darrah Gomes

Self

Arlington, TX

I strongly believe these products are not harmful to the people and do a very good job at helping the citizens that use these products for medical purposes and mental health problems I strongly believe it should stay available to the public for the people that don't have the ability to go to a doctor and get a prescription for these products

Roy Vega

Self budtender

Buda, TX

I use this for medicine and is a source of income for myself and many others.

Sienna Heard

Self / consultant

Conroe, TX

The availability of a pure, natural medicine made from just one ingredient has been a revelation for so many people. I've seen firsthand the incredible benefits hemp and THC have brought to individuals from all walks of life. For seniors coping with chronic pain, adults and older individuals battling sleep disruptions that worsen other health issues, and those recovering from cancer treatments—these products have proven to be a true lifeline.

They've offered relief for a wide range of issues, from pain and sleep problems to stress and appetite loss, providing a sense of comfort when other treatments have fallen short. Even people facing addiction have found hemp-based products to be a healthier, more sustainable option compared to alcohol and other harmful substances.

I've heard of individuals who had struggled with sleep disorders for years, visiting doctor after doctor without finding lasting relief. Now, thanks to these products, they're finally able to rest easy. Others dealing with ongoing stress and pain have turned to hemp and THC, and for many, it's been the natural and safe alternative that finally worked.

Veterans, too, are finding much-needed relief from both physical and emotional struggles related to their service. Hemp-based treatments are offering them a way to heal naturally, providing comfort and helping them regain a sense of balance. The impact is profound, and the results speak for themselves—clean, effective, and life-enhancing.

Jacob Hardin
Self
GROESBECK, TX

This should not be a criminal offense and you wouldn't need regulations if you just made Marijuana legal as is in other states.

Jack Martin
Self
Austin, TX

As a concerned citizen and advocate for accessible wellness solutions, I urge lawmakers to recognize the vital importance of hemp and medicinal hemp products for the well-being of Texans. HB 28 proposes regulatory changes that could significantly limit access to these products, which would negatively impact individuals, small businesses, and communities across the state.

Hemp-derived products—particularly those containing cannabinoids like CBD and other non-intoxicating compounds—have become essential tools for managing pain, anxiety, inflammation, and sleep disorders. Many Texans, including veterans, seniors, and individuals with chronic conditions, rely on these natural, plant-based remedies as alternatives to pharmaceuticals that may carry greater health risks or potential for addiction.

Moreover, Texas has nurtured a growing hemp industry that supports farmers, small retailers, and wellness entrepreneurs. Overregulation or criminalization under HB 28 would disrupt this economic progress, threatening jobs, innovation, and consumer choice. Responsible regulation is important, but it must not come at the expense of access to safe and effective wellness tools.

Texans deserve access to quality hemp products without fear of criminal penalties or government overreach. Any legislation should ensure transparency, product safety, and consumer education—without undermining the rights of individuals to pursue non-intoxicating, plant-based therapies that improve their quality of life.

I urge lawmakers to protect our right to choose safe, affordable wellness options and to support fair and science-based regulations that preserve access to medicinal hemp products.

Nicholas Patton, President
The people
Livingston, TX

Y'all are dumb... Stop it... Get some help... It's easy tax this shit and profit from it. Illegalize it and give money to illegal operations. It should be the people deciding, not some old shitheads.

Alexandra Yost
Self
Austin, TX

As a Texas resident, I would like the house to consider the consequences of HB28 on the tens of thousands of small businesses, farmers and consumers who rely on the hemp industry. Texas has built a thriving hemp market that provides jobs, tax revenue and access to safe, legal products for responsible adults. Restrictive measures risk stifling innovation, driving businesses out of state, and limiting consumer choice. As a healthcare provider, access to hemp is an important tool for patients to reduce or completely prevent the use of dangerous illicit drugs like opioids. I work in cancer care and many of my patients use hemp to alleviate their chronic cancer pain without the use of addictive medications like oxycodone or fentanyl. By putting severe restrictions on hemp, you are making the lives of these patients harder than they already are. Please reconsider these restrictions for the sake of Texans and helping to improve the opioid crisis.

Dan Coraggio
Self Building Engineer (Facilities Director)
Houston, TX

This bill is ridiculous! All this will do is open the door for the cartel to fill the void. This will cost the economy millions of dollars if passed. People will lose their jobs and businesses. These products are no where near the same category as drugs such as "bath salts". Those involved in this bill have foreign interest as hemp products cut into alcohol sales profit. Alcohol kills approximately 178,000 people a year, how many people have died from hemp related products? There are millions of hemp related product users , what percentage of those have been affected negatively by using these products? I'm a lifelong conservative and non-user of marijuana or hemp related products and I find this bill to be outdated, irrelevant and harmful. Please use some common sense on this one and throw this bill in the trash!

Brian Glass
Self
Ft worth, TX

As a Veteran with diagnosed PTSD for my time in Iraq I speak for most Veterans when I say it's time for us to be able to have access to these medicines that help tremendously

Oscar Estringel
Self
Agua Dulce, TX
Strongly oppose

Spencer Kelley
Self
Hempstead, TX

I am against SB 3. I believe that banning hemp products will only lead to a more pronounced black market. We could easily make an analogy with our attempt at alcohol prohibition. All we did was provide a way for criminals to get a grasp on a artificially niche market, get rich illegally and without regulation, and to avoid paying taxes. These laws do not stop people from using marijuana. It only changes who supplies it. Do you want to ban it and have drug dealers sell it on the streets? Or, would you rather the free market weed out bad players. With only slight regulation on safety, quality, labeling and standards you can allow: local businesses to keep flourishing, adult Americans to make informed decisions about what they consume, a safer marketplace, a source of tax revenue to remain open. Please don't hand over the hemp industry to black market players. Thank you for your time.

Julie Carpenter
Self
Richland Hills, TX

SB 3 is too is too extreme. I support regulations such as HB 28.

Corey Carpenter
Self
Richland hills, TX

SB 3 will do nothing but put people in the mourage, jails, and divert money to Cartels. If you ground your child, they can usually find a way around the restrictions, rebel, and possibly do something worse. This is what this bill will do to the people of this great state. I have never seen them but from time to time some bad products do appear. These are the k2's and stuff from overseas. These are not the natural or refined products most of us are seeking. I agree we do need some tighter regulations but with nearly 70% of us supporting some type of decriminalization or recreational use, this bill is the wrong direction. I've never seen any hemp derived product anywhere a child could purchase or anywhere it's not behind a counter or in a store that is 21+ to begin with. Some of the packaging is flashy but I don't feel it is intentionally marketed towards children. Adults like fun shapes, bright colors, and fruit flavors too. HB 28 I do not fully agree with but I would have no problem if this became law. The people want their options and these products are federally legal. Regulate it, tax it, embrace it. Create jobs and revenue, continue to expand compassionate use as well. There is a huge difference between these legal products and actual marijuana. I feel both of them are saving lives by keeping people away from opiates, western medicine cocktails, alcohol dependency, and hopelessness knowing they have this option.

Marcella Tincher
SELF
Sugar Land, TX

I oppose SB 3 because so many of us and our elders rely on these products to help with so many common conditions. The current TCUP program is still out of reach to most of us due to the high prices, not to mention it is still very limited in the number of eligible conditions that you all have imposed.

I would be there in person to oppose SB 3, but I am the only caregiver for my 82-yr old mother who is recovering from a stroke. It is long overdue for the ELECTED officials to start caring more for their constituents and less about trying to criminalize us! For years I have watched you all sit there looking at people/medical professionals while they pour their hearts out to YOU for help with loosening these ever-so-strict cannabis laws for their children, their loved ones, their patients, and to date, you have only been restrictive.

Don't you think perhaps it is time for all of you running things up there to REALLY educate yourselves on cannabis and its many benefits for the patients young and old in YOUR state? Remember who it is you work for...

Terry Maldonado
Self
Houston, TX

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Vee Munoz
Myself
Alice, TX

I opposed this bill because I feel having access to these products have been beneficial to myself and may I know. I am able to be a filling functional adult despite my high anxiety and adhd. Without pharmaceutical drugs.

Angellé Glover

Self

Katy, TX

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Hollie Dauzat

Self

Willis, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3) currently under consideration in the Texas legislature. This bill, which aims to ban all non-medical THC products, including hemp-derived cannabinoids, poses significant threats to both the health and economic well-being of Texans.

Health Concerns:

Access to Essential Products: SB3 would strip access to federally compliant CBD and THC products that have been transformative for many individuals' health. These products have provided relief and improved quality of life for numerous Texans, including myself. By banning these products, the bill would leave many without essential treatments.

Impact on Vulnerable Populations: The ban would disproportionately affect individuals who rely on these products for medical purposes. It is crucial that we prioritize the health and well-being of our citizens over blanket prohibitions.

Economic Concerns:

Industry Devastation: The hemp industry in Texas is a significant contributor to the state's economy, generating approximately \$8 billion annually and employing over 50,000 people. A ban would lead to widespread job losses and economic instability, particularly affecting small businesses and local communities.

Economic Consequences: The fiscal analysis suggests that the state would lose revenue, and the criminal justice system would face additional burdens due to the enforcement of this ban. This would divert resources away from more pressing issues.

Alternative Solutions:

Instead of a blanket ban, I urge you to consider implementing effective regulations that ensure the safe production, sale, and consumption of THC products. This could include age restrictions, clear labeling, and rigorous testing standards. Such an approach would protect public health while preserving the economic benefits of the industry.

In conclusion, I strongly believe that SB3 is not in the best interest of Texas. I urge you to vote against this bill and support more nuanced and effective policies that balance public safety with economic vitality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cassy Orriz

Self

Texarkana, TX

Please vote against this. Texans do not want more regulations on hemp and cannabis.

Ariel Avila
ZAR Wellness
Katy, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3 because of the detrimental effects it will impose upon myself and thousands of Texans. At ZAR Wellness we have been serving many communities, especially our Veterans, with responsible hemp cannabinoids to tackle various ailments. We educate first & provide recommendations based on the needs expressed by our clients in various modalities ranging from tinctures, edibles, smokeables and topicals. We have always self regulated via age gating (21+ up to purchase products with THC), clean and clear labeling with 3rd party lab reports accessible via QR codes, child/tamper resistant packaging, and no medical claims made. It's very important to continue to help folks in our communities legally & give people the rights to make their own decisions on what types of products they choose to put in their body. Regulation is needed not an outright ban. I urge the House to oppose the Bill & instead provide a path forward for sensible regulation. Thank you!

Romana Harding
Self
Midway, TX

I am writing in my opposition to SB3. It is destructive and reckless to destroy a entire useful business. It needs to be regulated, yes, but not destroyed. Too many people do NOT qualify for the too expensive and limited TCUP program. Please, stop this bad bill, or amend it so it is useful.

Angela Reyes
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I believe hemp/THC A should be accessible without punishment or criminal charges.

Steven Whitley
Self
Crosby, TX

This bill would eliminate nearly all hemp products and force so many out of business. It threatens an industry that supports over 8,000 businesses and employs more than 53,000 Texans. Please oppose this bill.

Will Watson, Mr
Hemp business
Austin, TX

We want regulation, not an all out ban. Cannabis users are productive members of society who want access to safe medicinal cannabis.

Michele Manjarrez
Self
Houston, TX

Please keep these products available.

Stephen Lambert, Mr
Self, computer programmer
Fort Worth, TX

I do not wish this to proceed. I use these products for stress, anxiety, pain relief and sleep aid without having to resort to harsh and strong pharmaceuticals.

India RANDLE

America

Richmond, TX

All bills

Austin Chapman, Mr.

Rock N Roll it smoke and vape shop/ self

Alvin, TX

To Whom It May Concern,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respectfully urge your office to review the facts and research surrounding the legalization of cannabis—both at the state level here in Texas and federally across the United States. This letter contains evidence-based, nonpartisan information to support thoughtful, responsible, and science-aligned cannabis reform.

1. Legal Landscape

- As of early 2025, 38 U.S. states and territories have legalized medical cannabis, and 24 states allow adult recreational use.
- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recommended moving cannabis from Schedule I to Schedule III, recognizing its accepted medical use.
- Texas continues to prohibit adult-use cannabis, with only limited allowances for low-THC products for certain medical conditions.

Yet, public opinion—and data—are clear.

2. Public Support

- According to the Pew Research Center (March 2024), 88% of Americans support legalization for medical or recreational use.
- In Texas, a December 2023 University of Houston/Texas Southern University poll showed 62% of Texans support full legalization, including a majority of Republicans.

This growing consensus transcends party lines and calls for policy that reflects the will of the people.

3. Health and Scientific Evidence

Cannabis legalization should be grounded in health and safety science. Consider the following findings:

Therapeutic Benefits (per National Academies of Sciences):

- Relief of chronic pain
- Reduction in chemotherapy-induced nausea
- Alleviation of symptoms in multiple sclerosis

Risks (per CDC & NIDA):

- Impaired driving and delayed reaction times
- Potential for increased risk of psychosis with heavy adolescent use
- Respiratory irritation from smoking
- Cannabinoid Hyperemesis Syndrome (CHS) in heavy, long-term users

Balanced public health education and regulated access are proven to reduce misuse and protect vulnerable populations.

4. Economic and Social Impacts

States that have legalized cannabis have seen:

- Job creation and new industries: Over 428,000 legal cannabis jobs exist nationally (Leafly, 2024).
- Tax revenue gains: Colorado, for example, has generated over \$2.5 billion in cannabis-related taxes since 2014.
- Reduced law enforcement costs: Decriminalization has saved millions annually and reduced non-violent arrest rates.

Legalization is both a health issue and an economic opportunity.

5. Recommendations

To align with science, public opinion, and responsible governance, I respectfully propose Full Legalization of cannabis, Taxed

and Regulated.

I ask that you, as a representative of the people, consider supporting cannabis reform grounded in facts, science, and the will of your constituents. This is not a fringe issue—it's a mainstream policy movement backed by research, data, and democratic support.

Texans want it legal, taxed and regulated.

Legalize, Tax, regulate,

Hemp is here to stay, Texans said so

Muhammad Khan, RN BSN

Myself

Arcola, TX

I don't support this bill, having a medical background and work at the hospital hemp product been life changing for me for example for my back pain dr wrote steroid didn't know on me and side effect for that is diabetes. I tried hemp products the gummies and the a back roller for my back pain. I'm blessed I don't have that pain now. I'm using these on daily bases.

Joseph Springer

Self

Austin, TX

For this bill 3 needs to be cancelled. It will cause more harm to Texans than good. I work for Wheatsville food co-op and one of our biggest selling products is Delta-9 gummies and drinks. Bill 3 will cause wheatsville to shut its doors for good and leave me out of a job. It will cause people who use THcA and Delta-9 products to go through dangerous and unrelated black market means. So please stop this bill 3 nonsense and let's use some common sense. Thank you

James Wilson, Mr

self

The Woodlands, TX

As someone who has seen the real benefits of THC products, I am testifying to its validity and medical use. I've helped friends and myself manage chronic back pain and anxiety with safe, regulated THC — products that provided real relief when prescriptions failed.

One friend struggled with severe back pain for years until a legal, Texas-made THC product gave them comfort and mobility again. Others I know use THC to ease anxiety and sleep through the night without harsh side effects.

This bill doesn't just ban products — it takes away relief and punishes people trying to live without pain. It also threatens a growing industry that provides tax revenue for the state and jobs for thousands of hardworking Texans. Texans deserve compassion, not criminalization.

Jimmy Jasani

Neptune Imports

Houston, TX

We hire 150 people and they will lose these jobs if the bill is passed

Dustin Stanley

Self

Whitehouse, TX

Hemp helps me with my anxiety

Brook Mabry

NA

Austin, TX

I strongly appose any ban or regulation of consumable Hemp products or cannabinoids derived from hemp. Creating criminal offense for such is a step in the wrong direction. I encourage you to move forward and not backwards. The real criminals are selling illegal drugs on the streets where our children play. Legalization of CBD increased my business profits by 80%. The business of massage therapy uses CBD OIL TOPICALLY.

VETERANS HAVE REPORTED GREAT HEALTH BENEFITS FROM CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS. THEY DO NOT DESERVE JAIL, THEY DESERVE RECOGNITION AND FREEDOM THAT THEY EARNED BY FIGHTING FOR THIS GREAT COUNTRY

McKenna Beseda

Self

Seguin, TX

This bill is an attack on Texan people. A "drug" that has hurt no one, that help people relax and enjoy a normal life that we wouldn't have without it. Making it illegal would only be taxing people by way of tickets for Marijuana possession. Please hear us when we say. We need to dismiss this bill and keep business open to help the Texans.

Jonathan Rodriguez

Self

Beaumont, TX

No for sb3 and hb28

Ashley Lane

Self

Royse city, TX

I do not agree

Shaina Dempski

Self

Fort Worth, TX

The corporate greed on display here is odious. We all know this is a huge industry. We can infer that the aim here has nothing to do with regulation. If "regulation" is the actual agenda, there wouldn't be a blanket ban because of how beneficial these products can be to some people's health. We can infer that the real aim here is for the large corporations to steal the multibillion dollar industry, under the guise of "regulation", so that they're not seen as the enemy. We can infer that these corporations are branding these products as "dangerous", but will turn around and sell the exact same products once they own it. The only danger is to their wallets. If this bill is passed, we'll know where all our politicians sit: with corporate greed and not the people.

I hope Governor Abbott, who offers Texas businesses the freedom to succeed, helps defend these small businesses against this corporate attack. This will give us Texans the tools to prosper, as quoted by Governor Abbott. I am respectfully and wholeheartedly against HB28 and SB3.

Susan Gordon

Self

Farmers Branch, TX

Leave it alone!

Esmeralda Schmidt
El Jefe Hemp Company/ Managing Partner
Abilene, TX

My name is Esmeralda Schmidt, co-owner of El Jefe Hemp Company. This bill could affect me negatively. My husband and I invested in this business to pursue his dream of growing hemp. He used to work away for months at a time, leaving our kids and me behind. It was hard doing it all by myself when he was away. From working the shop myself during business hours and working as a process server after and before business hours. I would get home late at night and hardly have energy to spend quality time with my children. In November of 2023, we both decided that he should no longer go away to work as a crane operator and instead, work our shop so I can work my job. Our business has grown since we first started. We went from having 1 customer per week and progressing to loyal customers coming in daily. They are like family and rely on us to carry top-shelf products. They often tell us that they would rather buy from our store than anything off the street because they know our products are safe. This law would destroy all that we have been working towards for. Our family is united as it should be. My husband no longer has to leave us. He shares his knowledge with our customers and potential customers when they walk in our store. We need things to stay as they are. I hope that this letter can shed light in my reasoning to oppose this law.

Emily Raju
self
Plano, TX

i oppose

Joseph Delgado
Joseph Delgado
Harlingen, TX

I had a major stroke and Thca/hemp has saved my life. I highly opposed SB3. The States medical marijuana program is a joke and overpriced. Vote no on SB3

Aaron Dickson
Self/Retail Clerk
Conroe, TX

SB 3

This bill is going to raise state unemployment, cut tax revenue and push everyday Texans towards buying more street drugs, whether it be from Mexican cartels or interstate markets.

I work at a liquor store that sells these products, while I will be ok, my business neighbors won't be. We share similar products and clientele.

When the inevitable happens and their lives become more restricted it will be my duty to inform them that their favorite products are no longer available because of SB 3, that their favorite business and members of their communities are gone because of SB 3.

On November 2026 I will remember SB3 and I will remember the party who passed it.

Kurt Uhlendorf
self
Sugar Land, TX

My name is Kurt Uhlendorf, I support SB3. I beg you for a complete ban on all THC products. Our family has already paid the price financially and emotionally. We should not be negotiating people's health and lives.

My son made cherished memories on family vacations and Boy Scouts camping trips with friends. He was a sweetheart, determined, caring, and an excellent student.

After using THC sold in vape shops in our neighborhood, my son became aggressive, unable to reason or express himself. My wife and I had to hide kitchen knives and sleep with our bedroom door locked.

One time, my wife was so scared and frightened that she stayed in a hotel for a few nights....leaving me to watch him. He had a psychosis episode and grabbed me by the neck. He was completely outraged.

On Dec 2, 2024, he had another psychosis episode due to Cannabis/THC. He said that "there were ghosts in our home" and that he wanted us to "put him to sleep". He was aggressive and punched huge holes in our walls. We had to call 911 for help. He was sedated and was admitted for a second time to a mental health hospital, followed by a 3rd rehab stay due to his Cannabis/THC addiction.

We support Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick's decision to go to a special session to get a full ban on THC and stop the loophole being exploited here. We are living a nightmare and we need to stop it from happening to other families. No amount of funding from state taxes collected would be enough to cover the health costs associated with cannabis addiction. My son was not getting high. He was getting paranoid and had psychosis from THC.

Nick Johnson, Mr.
Self
Belton, TX

I am in full support all hemp and hemp derived products

Mary Willard
Self
Pilot Point, TX

I am a no for this. Texans deserve the right to decide for themselves. It is 2025 and the nation has deemed it legal. This state makes a complete joke out of its mmj program, making it ridiculous to even pursue the states mmj program

Alexa Major
Self
Austin, TX

This is not supported. I will be sharing this to push the knowledge. I suggest considering your eligibility to be re-elected or retain public favor.

Dominique Bartlett

Self / Artist

Spring, TX

I oppose SB 3 because it will greatly impact families with young children that have certain conditions that THC and hemp products can aid and moderation. THC and other cannabinoids are extremely beneficial for helping long-term drug users get off harmful opioids and other hard-core drugs and aid in recovery.

George Gonzalez

Self

Alice, TX

I oppose this bill

Brandon Jackson

Self disabled

Waco, TX

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern for this bill and how it would affect me personally, and countless others like me. If the bill is passed and I no longer have access to the products in question, my life would be drastically changed. I, like many others, live with chronic pain and depression. My options for pain management would be limited to opioids, which are known to be extraordinarily addictive and can have devastating side effects. I have suffered from some of those side effects in the past and opioids are not an option for pain management for me. Hemp products are a safe, legal option that actually work for me and help to alleviate pain, assist with sleep, and improve depression and anxiety.

People have the opportunity to purchase and consume alcohol, and are trusted to make those decisions as responsible adults. How is this any different? I will tell you what I think is different. Alcohol does not have pain management qualities. It is sold not to assist with sleep or depression. Adults have the choice to purchase alcohol legally for their own use, and I believe that the hemp products in question should be treated similarly. I agree that there should be regulations and transparency, but law abiding Texans should have the opportunity to make that choice for themselves, not by someone who has never benefited from it or has had to struggle without it.

The option of THC based supplements are much more transparent in regards to ingredients when compared to the high dose pharmaceuticals that are often overprescribed. Recently a doctor prescribed a medication to me in an extremely high dose that caused terrifying side effects, including seizures, which lasted several days after the medication was taken. This drug also had adverse interactions with other medications that I take, causing even more distress and negative results. With the THC based supplements, I know exactly what I am putting in my body, and how it will affect me. Without these supplemental products, I literally do not know what other options I will have for pain management.

If these bills are passed, how many small business owners will have to close up shop? How many lives will you be negatively affecting? What is the benefit to taking this away?

I respectfully ask that you consider the needs of many fellow Texans when you make your decision.

Mark Woods, SFC (RET)

Self

Belton, TX

I never cared about drug laws until this came into focus. I was prescribed thc for my conditions, and I am a veteran. THC has significantly reduced my symptoms. Something that the VA isn't covering either. If you pass senate bill 3, I still have access to all of this.

The rub is that I don't live in a major city, so I either have to drive to Austin or Dallas to get these meds. I can have see them delivered if I get a \$200 minimum order, which barely covers a months worth of medicine. This hurts.

Meanwhile, the federal government does some good, but immediately Texas wants to stop it. The THC in hemp is chemically the same as THC from marijuana, and it turns out that it cost less to produce and I can get it locally.

I am interested to know what the dui death numbers are for alcohol vs. THC? I know bar owners and liquor stores are looking forward to prohibition to start again. Their profits go up, but so does domestic violence, drunk driving and the deaths they lead to.

It seems to me that a ban is bad business too. This is a multi-billion dollar industry and you are considering pushing it back underground? That just seems ignorant, stupid, I don't know but it's going to hurt veterans, kill businesses and create more unemployment.

Do the right thing and vote no on Senate Bill 3.

Thanks for your time.

Mark Woods

Benjamin Bladh

Self

Fate, TX

It's time to modernize our state. Banning things has never worked. Incentivize a population to be healthy and it will improve faster than trying to create a list of 10000 things that one isn't allowed to do.

This is a step backwards when neighboring states are openly cashing in on every border town. Legalize and tax it. You're missing out on billions of dollars for your weird political pet projects

Peter Gonzalez

Self

Humble, TX

This seems to be another government snatch and grab in order for the government to
Impose yet another hearty pointless tax on goods regardless of what the public wants or needs

Gerard Goldstein

Self / Retiree

China Spring, TX

Regulation not Ban! Hemp derived products help me cope with chronic pain instead of addictive opiates!

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Razia Qureshi-Shalami
ZAR Wellness/Self
Plano, TX

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Evan Tanner
Self
Kingsville, TX

Simply put, THC has saved my life. It saddens me that those supposedly representing me, as a sixth generation Texan, are actively trying to take away a natural remedy that has helped me turn my life around. It makes no sense, until you see the money and politics involved. Every state around us has figured out a solution to managing THC in their states. Why can't we, other than it comes back to the demands of special interest groups representing very few. I'm all for oversight of the sale of THC products. I think it is smart to regulate, tax, etc. But an outright ban is incredibly harmful and will continue to cause more problems than it solves. Follow the science, not the fear mongering from specially selected doctors giving their opinions while repeating the same reefer madness message from 100 years ago. The science is clear; this can and does help people. Banning THC will be a huge step backwards and a disservice for Texans in need and for the small business owners that stand to lose a lot through this bill. Please vote no on SB3.

Jarod Robertson
Self
Spring, TX

I oppose this bill. This would be detrimental to me and my family. We need access to all Hemp products for medical reasons. We go to a reputable place who is licensed, lab tested products and we feel safe using this for our health and do daily function. No more prescription meds. These are clean, non synthetic products. They follow the current guidelines. We will not support the medical marijuana program, you make this way to hard for citizens. Your suppose to be helping US. Keep hemp legal. Regulate better. There are good hemp stores. Check unlicensed vape and gas stations... it's obvious they aren't following the rules but don't out the good hemp companies who are following the law and regulate better than you do. I get carded everytime so why haven't you made an age requirement? You put that on yourselves. . Don't punish the people who are licensed.

Blake Essler
The Vapor Bar
Princeton, TX

This whole idea is dumb, buncha alleged capitalists who seem allergic to money now? Yeah, let's take our money back to the cartels, that's smart.

Sherrie Frandsen
Self
Pflugerville, TX

Please do not pass this bill. Leave things as they are. The products are helping with pain, depression and other things health related. You made hemp products legal before and I think you need to just leave them legal.

Tim Durning

Self

Dripping Springs, TX

Instead of banning a product that is widely wanted and needed by the general public, tax it and regulate it. Do the right thing!

Timothy Phillippe

Self

Austin, TX

I write this completely disappointed in a state that claims to value one's personal freedom. The claims made by the supporters of this bill are either misguided or objectively false while harkening back to the days of "reefer madness". Thousands of hard working people will be put out of work. Tens of thousands more will be either out a product that helps them live better lives or just simply something they enjoy at the end of the day - like a beer or bourbon, which are completely legal and objectively more harmful to the human body and society. If people are getting cannabis to the youth of the state in some illegal fashion, then punish those people. Do not punish the hard-working business owners and the rest of the responsible Texans. Our state won't ban alcohol or guns all of which find their way into the hands of children, so why would you also ban cannabis? Specifically cannabis that actually works unlike CBD. We do not hold H-E-B responsible when a person walks in buys beer and who then gets drunk later on and drives. We do not hold the liquor store responsible for a person who does the same thing there. We do not hold tobacco companies responsible for when a person gets cancer after smoking. These things are a person's personal choice and the consequences of their own actions. So then why would we hold cannabis stores and cannabis in general responsible for a few bad actors purchasing cannabis illegally. And if the concern is about the psychoactive repercussions of cannabis use, then I would hope that this congressional body would also hold alcohol just as responsible. But considering that will not happen nor should it, because again these terrible things that happen are the consequence of a person's personal decision decisions, this bill should not pass. It is each of our decision what we put in our bodies. Whether it be alcohol, which is an addictive poison, sugar, which is an addictive poison, caffeine, another addictive poison, nicotine also a poison, or cannabis, which could be a poison, but we have no idea since we cannot test it due to the states and our nations laws, it is our responsibility to take care of ourselves. So if this bill were to do anything, it simply needs to help reinforce policies that aim to keep this adult product in the hands of adults in the same way that we enforce alcohol and tobacco. Don't punish the people over a few bad buds. Thank you for your time. God bless Texas.

Jennifer Chambers

Self/Veterans/Cancer patients

Magnolia, TX

I am a veteran with PTSD/anxiety & CBDa has been a game changer for me & so many other veterans. My dad is currently undergoing treatment for stomach cancer & CBD/THC products have helped him significantly with symptoms. My 12 year old son has been seizure free ONLY on CBD with CBDa in it now for a little over 4 years. Our lives would drastically change without these products (lab reports provided on all consumable hemp/THC products). Y'all need to dove deeper into this & not take it for face value. Look at the bigger picture here & do what is right by your Texan residents. Do right by having compassion and understanding of these situations where lives are being changed for the better. Do your research! PLEASE do it for my fellow veterans suffering! PLEASE do it for cancer patients suffering! PLEASE do it for people with seizures! The benefits outweigh the negatives by a ton.

Crystal Joucken

Self/ Blissful Waters Float Center

Spring, TX

Hemp products provide Texans with relief. Please do not criminalize people who have found a solution for things like chronic pain and anxiety.

Lori Haas

Self and all smoke shops

Kosse, TX

I am against banning any hemp products helps with sleep and pain

Sifan Salih, Mrs
Self/dance teacher
Conroe, TX

The legislature should not be depriving adults to natural products!

Kate Jenkins
Self/medical records specialist
Weatherford, TX

I have several chronic illnesses and since I can't have access to the medical Marijuana things like delta 9 and so on are what I am able to access. The small amount of thc in it help the CBD work. Considering the crackdown on opioid pain medication, us chronic illness patients need a decent alternative. If you take away all thc we won't have thing that are legal that work. Also medical Marijuana could be a huge resource for Texas to have money incoming.

Vicki Busboom
Self
THORNTON, TX

This is ridiculous. Texas wake up and smell the coffee. Let it be

Charles Allison, Mr.
Self- Manager of Training and Quality
New Braunfels, TX

I oppose SB3 and urge lawmakers to oppose it as well

William E Kuykendall Jr
self. retired professional engineer
Bryan, TX

This is to urge you to support Senator Perry's SB3 that would help to protect people of Texas from the serious hazards of THC. Please do not succumb to the propaganda from those who stand to profit from the sale of THC products at the expense of our kids' health. Follow the facts. We do not need another public health problem.

Our young people face many health threats these days without adding the dangers posed by their use of THC. Let's pass SB3 in order to make it more difficult for our gullible kids to get their hands on and become addicted to this dangerous drug.

An article in the Dec 29, 2024 Houston Chronicle, my doctor, Dr. Matt Poling, points out the many health hazards and other serious consequences associated with the use of THC.

Thank you for your support of legislation that enhances the health of the people of Texas.

Alan Barrera
No
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill

Jim Kordoban, Mr
Self
McKinney, TX

Hemp derived products are much safer than alcohol both from a medical / physiological standpoint and societal impacts. Alcohol has so many more detrimental effect (ie causes cancer). Hemp / THC has been around for thousands of years and should no longer be criminalized. Texas needs to get on board with being more progressive like the rest of our neighboring states

Brian Price
Self
Fort Worth, TX

Hemp and CBD products have proven time and again to be beneficial to those who fight anxiety, alcoholism and many other maladies. If you really care for the health and well being of your constituents, try going after alcohol and guns, both of which actually kill people.

Jamie Thompson
Self
Borger, TX

Please do not vote to remove these products from those who suffer from chronic pain, like my husband. He will have to rely on prescription medicine with awful side affects. Please don't vote to remove these. I beg you

Tahmina Khanam
Bahama mama
Houston, TX

I am opposed of SB3 BILL

L Valek
Self/Retired Therapist
San Antonio, TX

Dear Representatives,

As your constituent and as a retired senior citizen suffering with many extremely painful physical conditions, I am asking that you vote "No" on SB-3. THC, THCa, CBD and simular plant derived alternatives used to treat physical and mental illnesses are far superior to synthetic and addictive pharmaceuticals. My background as a health professional and my personal health experiences have proved the effectiveness and safety of using alternative plant derived treatments.

Thank you for your time and representation.

All the best,
Laurie Valek

Katerine Varela
Self
Houston, TX

If you'd be kind enough to just give me a minute of you time I would be very grateful. I am a single mother with no help or family who takes care of my brother and son all alone, I am a manager in a smoke shop and would just like to let you know i am a single issue voter and I am very hemp positive. If they pass this bill it will push me back from feeding my child, keeping us with a roof over our heads and just living. I can't afford to lose my job and possibly life because of this ban, if you could help us the people that are building their lives decently and right from losing all they have.

Ernesto Alfaro, Mr.
Self
Houston, TX

Please vote against this bill. Rather than to vilify THC, we should regulate and tax it for the betterment of our state. The revenue could help drive our economy forward, and the medical benefits from cannabis use could help many veterans. Please think of your constituents and vote NO.

Bill Story

self

Magnolia, TX

This bill is ridiculous. 68 percent of Texans in a recent poll WANT these products. Its not for your to dictate. Think of all the people you will bankrupt, devastate and put back into pain and suffering with this bill. What about all the brick and mortar leases, the 50,000 people that will become unemployed, the production facilities that will go dark. Instead, how about better regulations and licensing that is affordable. Not 25K per store, that is outrageous. Lets work WITH the people not against the people. We found a way to sell alcohol and tobacco to the public and protect minors, we can do the same here. Tax and regulate, DO NOT BAN.

Paris Bennett

Self - sales representative

Austin, TX

Hemp is vital to your people. As someone who has worked in shops selling hemp products, I can tell you that there are so many adult Texans that rely on these products to keep them going. I'm talking about people with severe physical and mental illness. I'm talking about your veterans, your elderly, your abused citizens, and so many more of your people. This ban will do nothing to the consumption of hemp products but drive it underground making it more dangerous for your citizens. With legal hemp, shop workers are able to ID the purchaser and keep these things out of the hands of children. Contrary to the beliefs of many in Congress, pushing the industry underground will make it easier for kids to get these products because nobody will be regulating who is buying. Regulations are the appropriate course of action to protect citizens, not prohibition. We know from history that prohibition doesn't work, so what makes people think this is a solution is beyond me. I'm a native Austinite. I love this city, and I want to feel safe. You would be taking away so many jobs. I would lose my career. This industry has changed my life for the better, and I want to to continue to help myself and others legally. I am in very strong opposition of this bill. You will be failing your people if you vote in support of this bill. Do what is best for your people and for your state. You know what's right. Please vote in opposition of this bill.

Donald Clark
Self - VP Technology
Keller, TX

To the Honorable Members of the Texas Senate,

I stand before you to express my profound disappointment and vehement disagreement with Senate Bill 3 (SB 3). This legislation, aimed at further restricting cannabis access and criminalizing its possession, demonstrates a fundamental misunderstanding of the plant's properties, the experiences of other states, and the potential economic benefits that Texas is forfeiting.

The core argument against cannabis often centers on its perceived dangers and the notion that it's a "gateway drug." However, decades of scientific research have consistently failed to establish a causal link between cannabis use and the use of harder substances. Furthermore, the claim that cannabis is inherently dangerous lacks factual basis. One of the most critical points to emphasize is that there is no scientifically documented case of a fatal overdose from cannabis. This starkly contrasts with legal substances like alcohol and prescription opioids, which contribute to thousands of deaths annually.

* Absence of Lethal Dose: Unlike many other substances, cannabis does not depress respiratory functions to the point of fatality. Research has repeatedly shown that the human body possesses a vast tolerance for cannabinoids, making a lethal overdose virtually impossible.

* Contrasting with Legal Substances: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that alcohol contributes to over 95,000 deaths annually in the United States. Furthermore, the opioid crisis, fueled by prescription and illicit drugs, has resulted in hundreds of thousands of fatalities. These figures underscore the hypocrisy of severely restricting cannabis while allowing the widespread availability of far more dangerous substances.

The experiences of states that have legalized recreational cannabis offer compelling evidence of the potential benefits.

* Reduced Opioid Overdose Deaths: Studies published in peer-reviewed journals have indicated a correlation between the legalization of cannabis and a reduction in opioid overdose deaths. Legal cannabis provides an alternative for pain management, potentially decreasing reliance on highly addictive opioids.

* Decreased Traffic Fatalities: Some research suggests that states with legalized cannabis have seen a decrease in traffic fatalities. This may be attributed to a shift away from alcohol, a substance known to significantly impair driving ability.

* Reduction in Crime: Some states have observed a decrease in certain types of crime after legalizing recreational cannabis. Law enforcement resources can be redirected from cannabis-related offenses to more serious crimes.

Economically, the potential benefits of legalizing and taxing cannabis in Texas are substantial. This point I have not the adequate space remaining to define, but the facts of this are clear.

Taylor Boyd
Self
Weatherford, TX

I'm completely for cannabis in Texas. Legalize Cannabis

Felix Najera

Self - Information/Cyber Security

San Antonio, TX

As a disabled combat veteran this authoritarian bill regulating personal liberty by using false and misinformation is disheartening. In the Senate hearing all State witnesses could not go off the 80's war on drug script, and provide factual information. Senator Perry himself provided false information by stating Delta 8 and Delta 9 are synthetic substances, and if he actually knew anything about hemp he would know that they are natural components of the hemp plant. The registration fees Perry is seeking are excessive. He states its a multibillion dollar industry, but each business doesn't make 8 billion a year. This would essentially put Texas business owners out of business. Law Enforcement witnesses stated people are dying from Delta 8/9, which is virtually impossible unless it was laced with another substance like...fentanyl. The scientific experts could not articulate the differences between Delta 8/9, so how can Texans take their testimony or their credibility seriously. The experts seemed uneducated on the subject matter at best. I am going to assume the same witnesses will testify to the same during the house hearing. This bill seems to ban not just THC but also CBD/CBG/Hemp that are legal under the 2018 Farm Bill. All cannabinoids contain traces of THC hence the allowance of .03 dry weight. Given Delta 8/9 are natural compounds of the hemp plant...outright banning THC will essentially ban legal CBD/CBG in Texas as well. This approach is sneaky, unethical, and violates the integrity of this institution. This body took the same approach with the abortion bills in Texas, by saying it's a "Heartbeat" bill...but knowing women don't find out their pregnant until the 6th or 8th week, essentially banning abortion without saying its an outright ban. Although, I am pro-life and a conservative I saw through that sneaky approach, just as I am seeing with SB3. At the Senate hearing there were more people in opposition of SB3, many combat veterans like myself, moreover Republican "conservative" voters, and this is contrary to what Lt. Gov. Patrick stated...Texans do not stand with him on this one!

Lastly, CBD/Hemp to include Delta 8 and Delta 9 help disabled combat veterans like myself who want a natural way to manage pain, inflammation, anxiety, insomnia, etc. and forgo the many pills and opioids the VA pushes on Veterans. The TCUP program is not a solution for everyone, and moreover the TCUP program dispenses marijuana, the products impacted by this bill isn't marijuana...but CBD/CBG/Hemp. So Senator Perry trying to use the TCUP program as a scapegoat to say THC will be available is another gaslight by this uneducated accountant. Most Texans who consume THC do not use/consume marijuana...they consume legal CBD/CBG/Hemp products. Not sure what the intentions are of Lt Gov Patrick to go against a bill that President Trump advocated for and signed into law came is. But I hope it's not because the Lt. Gov had his pockets filled by lobbyist.

Jesse Wood

Self / Cabinetmaker and Minister

Boyd, TX

It is my firm conviction that the liberty to freely and legally cultivate, process, possess, legally market, and consume hemp, cannabis, and/or any of their respective compounds, isolates, and/or naturally occurring derivatives is an inherent, God-given right to every person. As long as an individual is operating within the boundaries of law and public safety, government should in no way interfere with or otherwise restrict a legal citizen of Texas from procuring, possessing, or consuming hemp/cannabis products, except by those statutes already pertaining to the sale, possession, and use of other legal, mind-altering substances. The Texas government has failed its people on this matter time and time again, bullishly refusing to give choice to the individual, and wasting immeasurable amounts of the People's tax revenue on prohibitive and punitive legislation, which has done nothing to curb the problem.

Texas should be legalizing, regulating, and taxing the use of hemp and cannabis products, using the revenue to bolster a failing educational system and redirecting the taxes spent on the war against cannabis to better public services for addiction and mental illness recovery.

Jacob Bond

Self

Weatherford, TX

We need access to legal cannabis. Alcohol and medications have killed the majority of my family. Please don't take away the only medication that works for me and so many other patients. I literally cannot live without it. I cannot afford \$900 a month in prescriptions. Please hear our voice.

Scott Leroy
self, manager
Leander, TX

Tax hemp and THC products, but do not ban them. They pose less risk than alcohol and have medical benefits for many Texans. Banning Hemp and THC is not the Texan way.

Rick Huffman MD
Myself/Physician
College Station, TX

I support SB 3 not only as a Physician but also as a parent who has been negatively impacted by a child and recreational marijuana use.

Shenice Copenhaver Shenice Copenhaver
Self
Granbury, TX

I am against this bill.

Sunday Winters
Self
Pflugerville, TX

I do not agree with this bill. Please vote no on SB 3.

Eliana Pires Janssen
Self
Weatherford, TX

I have been pushed by my doctors to take pharmaceutical pain medication for my broken neck. Growing up in California of course when I am home, I am able to smoke legal THC and it is a pain medication that is not addictive and is sufficient in treating my pain. And it would be absolutely absurd for Texas to pass something that would make me reliant on pharmaceutical pain medication that is proven to be not only addictive but detrimental to my health.

Amber Harris
The Happy Cactus
Austin, TX

As an employee of a licensed hemp retailer, I strongly oppose SB3, not only due to the incredible economic consequences that comes with dismantling a legitimate and federally legal industry, but also because maintaining access to hemp-derived products is vital to a majority of adult Texans. As a native Texan, I take pride in working in an industry that improves the daily lives of many of my family and friends, as well as thousands of our customers. The industry agrees, also, that regulation is important, which is why we self-regulate with an age gate and require ID checks for every customer. The passing of this bill would have a devastating effect on many small and family owned businesses, impacting both the livelihood of 53,000+ employees statewide and countless consumers who rely on access to Hemp-derived products for their health and wellbeing. The industry has had an incredibly positive impact on our community, which we are blessed to witness every day through our amazing customers. We want to continue providing a safe space for the community and can only do that if this bill does not pass.

Katerine Varela

Self

Houston, TX

If you'd be kind enough to just give me a minute of your time I would be very grateful. I am a single mother with no help or family who takes care of my brother and son all alone, I am a manager in a smoke shop and would just like to let you know I am a single issue voter and I am very hemp positive. If they pass this bill it will push me back from feeding my child, keeping us with a roof over our heads and just living. I can't afford to lose my job and possibly life because of this ban, if you could help us the people that are building their lives decently and right from losing all they have.

Dylan Hoppe

ZAR Wellness

San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose HB 28 because of the detrimental effects it will impose upon myself and thousands of Texans. At ZAR Wellness we have been serving many communities, especially our Veterans, with responsible hemp cannabinoids to tackle various ailments. We educate first & provide recommendations based on the needs expressed by our clients in various modalities ranging from tinctures, edibles, smokeables and topicals. We have always self regulated via age verification (21+ up to purchase products with THC), clean and clear labeling with 3rd party lab reports accessible via QR codes, child/tamper resistant packaging, and no medical claims made. It's very important to continue to help folks in our communities legally & give people the rights to make their own decisions on what types of products they choose to put in their body. Regulation is needed we agree, but not an outright ban. I urge for opposition of this Bill and to instead find a path forward for sensible regulation. Thank you!

harvey haas, Colonel USAF Retired

Self, Retired

New Braunfels, TX

Please make sure we keep Texas cannabis free.

Steven Egan

Self

Bowie, TX

I oppose.

Evan Alexander

Self/sales manager

New Braunfels, TX

There have been NO deaths from THC overdoses. Medical evidence does not back any THC overdose. Keeping it legal taxed and regulated is the best way to keep it out of children's hands!

Jolene Tubb, Veteran

Self

Conroe, TX

I'm a stressed out veteran. Please don't take my medicine from me! I don't appreciate the chemicals that others try to force down my throat. My body can't take it!

Frank Santos

US HEMP ROUNDTABLE

Austin, TX

Oppose

Rebecca Anderson

Self

Bowie, TX

Against because these products are medicinal for myself and pain management

Todd Harris

The Happy Cactus

Austin, TX

As the owner of a hemp retail shop in Texas, I'm deeply concerned about the impact SB 3 would have on our business, our employees, and the many customers who rely on us. If passed, this bill could force us to close our doors and lay off more than 10 dedicated employees who count on their jobs to support their families. But the effects reach beyond our team—it would take away access to the natural and high-quality hemp products that have become a lifeline for so many of our loyal customers. This isn't just about one business; it's about the thousands of small, family-owned businesses across Texas that contribute to the state's economy and enrich local communities. SB 3 threatens to shut down many of these businesses, leaving a void that would be hard to fill. I urge lawmakers to consider the far-reaching consequences of this bill. It's not just about us—it's about the livelihoods of our employees, the health of our customers, and the future of small businesses across Texas. We need laws that support growth and community, not those that hold back a legitimate and booming industry. Thank you for your time.

Lacie Benjamin

Self

Canadian, TX

I vote NO on this bill. This will hurt veterans and civilians alike.

Jack Moore

Self

San Marcos, TX

Heavily opposed, this would be terrible for all progress and delay future progress. We would be giving up Texans right to choose for themselves. It has never harmed anyone, and helps millions find safe healthy alternatives to things like sleep, pain, and many other wellbeing issues.

William Locklear, Mr

The Happy Cactus

Austin, TX

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Jessica Garvison, Mrs

Self

Tomball, TX

Genesis 1:29, which states: "And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.'"

This plant was given to use to use and consume by our creator, God Almighty himself.

So many people benefit from this plant's compound THC. It has helped my husband with his Autism and being able to manage to function in life without being riddled with Anxiety. It helped me get off narcotics for my back and body aches from multiple injuries. THC is not addictive we have a natural endocannabinoid system so our body responds naturally to it. No one has ever overdosed on THC. Unlike the daily OD on fentanyl which just a dusting can kill. We need to get with the times and stop regressing. Other states have legalized THC and their drug related crimes went down. Jails are saving the states money by not having people locked up for a plant.

Also the billions of dollars the state of Texas will lose from the lack of sales for THC and the fact the state would be responsible for thousands of people's unemployment because you cost them their jobs. Take a step back from the things you assume and actually listen to your people.

Kenny Delk

Self

Decatur, TX

I oppose!

Melinda Phenix

Self

BOYD, TX

Opposed

Michaela Upshaw, Dr.

Self

Flower Mound, TX

I am a supporter of responsible, adult hemp consumption and I do not support the Texas Compassionate Use Program. The legislature should not be depriving adults of access to natural products they choose to use. Hemp and THC products are safer than alcohol. No one has ever died simply from consuming hemp or cannabis, unlike alcohol. The Texas Hemp industry is already federally and state-legal and regulated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Americans believe in personal responsibility and freedom—SB3 is the opposite of that. Lastly, the State of Texas will incur a cost of at least \$764 million in lost sales tax revenue and the cost of unemployment assistance for the 53,000 lost jobs if SB3 passes.

Ashlee Holmes

Self

Balch Springs, TX

I am AGAINST the banning of legal THC products in TX. Delta 9 products are safe and regulated! They're safer than alcohol, which you are not trying to regulate. Many people benefit from the use of legal hemp products and they are used for more things than just getting high

Monica Fraga

Self I'm

Denton, TX

I am writing in my opposition to SB3. It is destructive and reckless to destroy an entire useful business. It needs to be regulated, yes, but not destroyed. Too many people do NOT qualify for the too expensive and limited TCUP program. Please, stop this bad bill, or amend it so it is useful.

Jerry Easterly

self

JERSEY VILLAGE, TX

Please follow the science and support SB3 to eliminate the sale of THC to teens and children.

Jacob Wiggins

Self

HOUSTON, TX

I'm writing against this bill mainly because we can't push people back to the black market and also give ask Texans including our veterans the chance to use cannabis medicine which many can't afford the costs of being on the TCUP program. Please help Texans stay off of deadly pills and alcohol with not passing this bill. Against SB3

Jacob Wiggins-son, grandfather and great grandfather of veterans. Please help Texans out more and now. Thank you!

Christina Cahill- Huber

Bowie Texas Smoke and CBD Shop

Nocona, TX

As someone who works in the retail industry we see all walks of life. Veterans who use THCA products for pain relief and mental health issues. Elderly who use THCA for pain relief. People who suffer ptsd and anxiety. I completely oppose this ban! I am a marine corps widow (2021) who watched their husband suffer the after math of 17, YES I said SEVENTEEN Rx daily, versus him just being able to use a THCA pen once a day. And could see a big difference. The VA failed him with all those pharmaceutical drugs pushed on him!! He ended up taking his own life 2-19-21 because the VA told him if he didn't take the prescription drugs they forced on him they would consider him non compliant with their orders. So he did as they said, and with NO help at all I lost my husband to suicide!! It was THCA that helped him get through his panic attacks, his PTSD NOT pills. I oppose this Ban!!!!

Lindsay Burge

Self

Mineral Wells, TX

I'm against SB3 and the restrictive THC/hemp laws in Texas—these measures hurt small businesses, limit access to natural alternatives, and ignore the growing support for responsible cannabis reform. Texas deserves better.

Rachel Mitchell

Self

Bowie, TX

This bill is ridiculous. It will push people back into the streets and get things that are truly harmful. Thanks Ted Cruz.

Susan Ayers Mullins

Real Estate Broker

Burleson, TX

Just legalize marijuana, the dollars the state would make and control it would allow would solve numerous problems. Hemp products have been healing people long before legality became an issue.

Madison Messaoui, Madison

Self

Bowie, TX

I have a traumatic Brain injury and panic attacks and neurological disorder the CBD only tincture helps me with my mental issues

Karlee Beach

Self

Alvarado, TX

I am a voting constituent and your banning of products used to improve the health of thousands of Texas will determine whether you receive my vote. Vote against SB3 & stop the progression of prohibitive practices for the Texans you claim to represent.

Rachel OPry, Ms

Self

Teague, TX

I oppose these bills and advocate the use of these products, I will not reelect supporters of SB3 and HB28

Pamela Ellison

Self

Bridgeport, TX

I oppose!

Jason Seidel, Mr

Self

San Antonio, TX

I am a business owner who would suffer financial hardships if there was no THC sales my business sees 40% of its monthly revenue from these sales. In addition it would adversely affect our many customers that rely on these items for pain relief and medical conditions. I own a 21 and up retail business and believe stronger regulations are needed but not prohibition.

Alexandria Ryan

Self

Groesbeck, TX

Don't put a ban on it!!!

Heather Fisk

Self

Mexia, TX

I oppose these bills and rely on these products for chronic back pain,i will not reelect supporters of SB3 & HB28

Hank Laurence

Self

Mineral Wells, TX

LEGALIZE IT!

Cliff Dugosh, Mr.

Self, educator/motivational speaker

San Antonio, TX

Howdy, If you have not read THE DANGEROUS TRUTH ABOUT TODAY'S MARIJUANA by speaker extraordinaire Laura Stack, it is a MUST read. Don't let the title deceive you that it's full of stats and facts. It is the life and death story of Laura's young son.

If you've not studied the number of hearings that have dramatically increased in school districts because of THC, you need to. As an example, one large San Antonio school district has gone from 700 hearings to over 1800 hearings to almost 2000 hearings in the past three years. MANY of these hearings involved THC.

From someone who has worked with high school and college students for over 30 years, the two biggest destructive factors in their lives right now are cell phones/social media and THC. Trust me.

Hank Laurence

Self

Mineral Wells, TX

LEGALIZE CANNIBAS!!!

IM A COMBAT VETERAN. I EARNED MY RUGHT TO SELF MEDICATE!

I WILL NOT VOTE FOR ABBOTT, PATRICK OR ANY OF YOU GOONS, OWNED BY BIG PHARMA! SELL-OUTS!

Lauren Devins

Self

Lipan, TX

Vote no

Bobby Echols

Self

Bellevue, TX

Small government

Mike Hunt, Mr

Self

Bowie, TX

I oppose

Elizabeth Luttrall

Self

Weatherford, TX

VOTE no! This bill is preposterous and Dan Patrick is uneducated in this field. He knows nothing about THC and it's benefits

Frankie Shaw

Self

Bowie, TX

Fuck you, you ignorant shit stains. I oppose this ban.

Montana Vanover
Pinnacle Essentials
georgetown, TX

I oppose HB28 and SB3. Hemp products provide medicinal relief for many people, criminalizing this will turn consumers to the streets for products and not actually decrease amount of consumption. This increases safety risks, and is not okay. There are other solutions to the concerns brought about in these bills. The general public does not agree or side with what is trying to be passed, listen to the people, and give the American People the freedom of choice.

Erin Paumen
Self
Magnolia, TX

Should be regulated similar to alcohol.

Isidro Cervera
People in texas
San Antonio, TX

Please don't go backwards. We should be moving forward. We all know hemp is not the issue. Alcohol, tobacco, and firearms have harmed more people than hemp ever will. Why would you ban something that can bring in billions of dollars to texas. Not to mention all the jobs that will be lost. A lot of people depend on the medicinal properties that other pharmaceutical drugs just don't even come close. It would not be right to ban something that is helping millions of people. It's helping people and that's all I have to say. There can be a compromise a structure going forward but I think a total ban is not right when Alcohol and tobacco have caused more harm than hemp ever will. I hope this is just your way of renegotiating. Personally I would rather not have to deal with a drug dealer when I can just go to my local vape shop and purchase a similar product. Wouldn't you rather have texas make money from this or let drug dealers take that money. That's where the other drugs come into play. Other drugs are not an option because I don't have to go to a drug dealer. My local vape shops don't sell other drugs like a drug dealer does and that's who yall will be forcing people to go to. You're creating the problem that you're so worried about and that's access to other drugs which won't be at a local vape store. I've been using for 20 years and I was glad I didn't have to go to a drug dealer anymore. You'll only make drug dealers run this city instead of yall running the multimillion dollar business that is hemp in texas. Don't ban its not a good idea anyway you look at it. If you want drug dealers to take over and drug related crime to rise then do it I guess. But in no way does that protect texans by making them have to go to drug dealers. Don't go backwards. The people in texas don't want to go backwards only forward. I understand you want to protect texans so why not ban Alcohol or tobacco. I would be fine with that because I don't do either one of those only the legal the that is here in texas. Why ban something that is legal in texas and federally legal. You're going backwards and it scares texans more than anything.

Ashley Van Vuuren
Self - health care
The Woodlands, TX

Ashley Van Vuuren

Lainey Dalton
Self
Hockley, TX

No to passing SB3.

Saxja Bush
Self
Conroe, TX

Allow CBD & THC products - it does wonders for the people that need it!

Samuel Wilson, Mr

None

Waxahachie, TX

I do not support this bill sb 3 i believe delta 8, 10 or whatever should be legal every place i have seen it for sale id so minor cannot buy it. I do not do ot myself but have meet many that do it is no different then buying a beer in my opinion. I say leave it alone the beer industry and pharmaceutical company are the only one that what it blocked and Perry so please do not support this bill.

David Vannoy

Self

Baytown, TX

Members of my household strongly oppose SB3. Passing this bill into law as proposed would destroy many Texas businesses and push this market right back into the hands of the cartels. Prohibition in not sensible policy. Public opinion shows to be greatly in favor of loosening cannabis restrictions, not tightening them. Please vote to oppose the overreaching restrictions laid forth in SB 3.

Ashley Singleton

Self

Shenandoah, TX

No one wants this bill to pass. Republicans who elected you are very much against this bill. Please listen to the people who you are supposed to represent!

Collin Mayfield

Self

Fort Worth, TX

This bill is bad for Texans and Texas businesses. Listen to the voices of your constituents instead of your donors and buddies. Your corruption is on full display, why don't you prove us wrong and do something good for the people for once?

John Ferris

Self - Delivery driver / Restaurant General Manager / Veteran

Houston, TX

To the members of the Texas House: your stance on THC and cannabis reform isn't just outdated — it's downright embarrassing. While other states move forward with science-based policy, medical compassion, and economic growth, you cling to a crumbling narrative built on fear, control, and corporate loyalty. Texans are paying attention — veterans, cancer patients, responsible adults, and entrepreneurs are watching you keep them criminalized for a natural, safer alternative, all while pretending it's in their best interest.

Let's not kid ourselves. This isn't about safety. It's about who profits. I genuinely believe the opposition to THC reform is less about public health and more about the benefit it brings to industries like private prisons, where companies such as CoreCivic and GEO Group quietly thrive. Add in lobbying from law enforcement associations and pharmaceutical interests — and suddenly, the resistance makes financial sense, if not moral.

And while we're here — to those proudly aligning themselves with cults of personality, fawning over self-proclaimed business messiahs, or taking economic advice from internet memes — ask yourselves: is that really leadership? The state needs critical thinking, not cosplay economics. Texas deserves representatives focused on policy, not personality worship or billionaire bootlicking dressed up as innovation.

Reform is inevitable. History will remember those who led with courage — and those who stalled for profit. Pick a side, and make it quick.

Clay Allen
Myself
Granbury, TX

Please do not ban the sale of THC products. Many people find comfort in these and there are no overdoses. Its medically impossible. Please allow people to have the freedoms they deserve as adults in the united states.

Mohammed Abuswireh
Self
New Braunfels, TX

I'm in favor of consumable hemp products in the state of Texas.

Samantha Kerr
Self
Springtown, TX

People in this state rely on hemp products in order to live with debilitating chronic illnesses that make life unbearable without treatment. Hemp products are the only treatment these TEXAS CITIZENS can get that do not have side effects that will only worsen their illnesses in the end. This is a gross invasion of rights and a slap in the face of law abiding citizens that simply need these products to manage their sicknesses that would send normal people to the hospital daily. This is a huge problem for those who are disabled and does nothing good for anyone. Worry about violent offenders walking the streets, not people trying to manage their lives in a healthy way. Hemp products help keep people from getting addicted to pills, but it looks like Texas is bending to big pharma now. How sad.

Brandy Pruitt
Self
Magnolia, TX

Hemp and hemp derived products should not be banned, they help so many people and have so many health benefits.

Joshua Pancake
Bahama Mama
Kingwood, TX

I feel the products offered are a great way to help people struggling with anywhere from anxiety to ptsd and everything inbetween

Rebecca Cocklereece
Myself
Houston, TX

Nothing in the hemp department should ever have criminal offense with it. Please tell me one time there was a criminal act that took place due to someone using a hemp product of any kind. Absolutely ridiculous

Lauren Hall
self
Houston, TX

Texans believe in freedom and personal choice — these bills go against that. I use hemp products for sleeping only and I rely on them.

Moises Amador

Self

Fort Worth, TX

As a veteran from the United States armed forces, I suffer from mental health issues, that have been regulated by these products. Pharmaceutical medicine to assist has added detrimental side effects which would be a step back instead of forward. Utilizing the true health benefits of relief from depression and anxiety has added a better quality of life in my day to day. Removing these products or forcing veterans to ingest pharmaceuticals, to have a better quality of life, is harmful and can cause a slew of instances that one wants to see. Don't remove these products from our shelves, don't give the power of these products back to the black market.

Arina Olshevska

Analyst/self

Austin, TX

THC is safe to consume by adults. It can be regulated and taxed just like alcohol. Why does Dan Patrick get to deny texans their personal freedom based on his financial interests? Leave THC alone!

Brittany Lempicki

Self

Cypress, TX

Strongly oppose

Derek Stucki

Cannabusters Inc

Lake Dallas, TX

God created the cannabis plant and from man's earliest history, it has been in use. God's anointing oil recipe included cannabis. God said every plant is for human benefit.

Who are we to deign to outlaw what God has given to humanity? To hear the voice with the most money is wicked. I'm asking the senate to move for the people and annul SB3. Thank you.

Peter Diaz, Owner

Acacia Botanicals LLC

Pflugerville, TX

I oppose this bill

Anjelyca Garcia, SPC

Self

San Antonio, TX

The benefits from these products are being over looked by closed mind individuals for personal reasons. It's backwards. We allow the use of prescription drugs, alcohol and cigarettes to still be consumed. Which is addicting and the cause of thousands of death a year. Helping humans should mean more than getting them addicted and draining their pockets.

Brittany Lempicki

Self

Cypress, TX

Strongly oppose

Cody Dunn, Co Owner
Texas Hill Country Vape and Smoke
Driftwood, TX

I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed bill aimed at banning hemp products in Texas. As a law-abiding hemp store owner, this legislation poses a direct threat to my livelihood and the well-being of my employees and customers who rely on hemp products for various benefits.

My store, Texas Hill Country Vape and Smoke, has been an integral part of the local community, providing safe, high-quality hemp products to customers seeking natural alternatives for wellness and health-related issues. We adhere strictly to all state regulations, ensuring that our products are compliant, safe, and beneficial for our consumers. The proposed ban jeopardizes not only my business but also the economic stability of countless other small businesses across Texas that contribute to the state's economy and employment.

The demand for hemp-derived products like CBD & THC has grown significantly due to their reported benefits, such as pain management and stress relief. Many of my customers express gratitude for finding a natural remedy that complements their lifestyle and enhances their quality of life. This legislation, if passed, would unjustly deprive them of access to these valuable products and force them to seek alternatives that may not align with their personal health needs or preferences.

Moreover, the hemp industry in Texas has shown great potential for economic growth and innovation. This ban would stifle a rising sector at a time when diversification and support for local businesses are crucial. Rather than implementing a sweeping prohibition, I urge lawmakers to consider balanced regulations that ensure product safety and quality without harming responsible business owners and consumers.

I implore you to reconsider this proposed legislation and the impact it will have on small business owners like myself. Please support regulations that promote safety and access, rather than a ban that would dismantle a flourishing industry and destroy livelihoods.

Thank you for considering my perspective. I hope we can work towards a solution that benefits both consumers and business owners alike.

Sincerely
Cody Dunn
Texas Hill Country Vape and Smoke
Owner

Chris Cazalas
Self
Spicewood, TX

I do not want this bill passed. It's not regulation which we need. It's outright banning an amazing plant. Tha helped build this country. I am against SB3

Nico Tovar-Salazar

Self

Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed ban on hemp products in Texas. I am perplexed and concerned about the reasons behind this legislation, especially considering the myriad of benefits that hemp and its derivatives have provided to individuals dealing with various medical conditions.

Hemp products, particularly those containing CBD & THC, have been shown to alleviate symptoms related to chronic pain, anxiety, epilepsy, and other debilitating illnesses. For many people, these natural alternatives have become vital tools for managing their health and improving their quality of life. It seems counterintuitive to ban a substance that has been embraced by countless individuals as a key component of their wellness journey. Throughout the growing body of research and personal testimonies, it is clear that hemp-derived products have made a positive impact on the lives of many Texans. By restricting access to these products, the government would be denying individuals the opportunity to seek out safe, effective, and natural therapies for their conditions, thus forcing them to rely on traditional pharmaceuticals that often come with significant side effects and risks. I urge you to consider the implications of this proposed ban and to reflect on the voices of those who have benefited from hemp products. Why are we attempting to eliminate a valuable resource that has offered hope and relief to so many? Instead of taking away access, we should be exploring ways to promote responsible regulation that ensures safety while allowing individuals to make informed choices about their health.

Please listen to the concerns of your constituents. I ask you to advocate for the continued availability of hemp products, enabling individuals to manage their medical conditions effectively and without undue barriers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I hope you will reconsider the proposed ban and support measures that respect the needs of our communities.

Christina Blake, LMSW

Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Houston, TX

****Why SB 3's Hemp Ban Would Harm Cancer Patients, First Responders, and Veterans****

As a mental health professional and advocate for safe, equitable access to healing modalities, I am deeply concerned about the proposed ban on hemp products under SB 3. This legislation would have devastating consequences—not just for small businesses and farmers, but for some of the most vulnerable members of our community: cancer patients, first responders, and veterans.

Many cancer patients rely on legal hemp-derived products, including those with THC and CBD, to manage nausea, appetite loss, chronic pain, and anxiety—common and often debilitating side effects of chemotherapy and cancer treatment. For these individuals, hemp isn't a recreational substance—it's medicine. Removing access to it means pushing patients toward pharmaceutical alternatives that may come with heavier side effects, dependency risks, and less efficacy.

Veterans and first responders also use hemp as a safer alternative to alcohol or opioids. After years of service, many are left managing PTSD, chronic pain, and insomnia. For these individuals, hemp products have provided a bridge between suffering and stability—a way to remain law-abiding while avoiding the dangers of addiction and overmedication. Banning these products will not stop use; it will criminalize safe behavior and discourage harm reduction efforts.

I believe strongly in responsible regulation. We can and should regulate packaging to ensure these products are not marketed to or appealing to children. We can require clear labeling, batch testing, and age verification at the point of sale. But we must not throw out the entire framework simply because there are concerns about misuse. The answer is not prohibition—it's regulation, education, and compassion.

No matter what we do, people will continue to seek relief. The question is whether we give them safe, legal, and well-regulated options—or whether we push them into the shadows, back toward more harmful substances. We have an opportunity to lead with science and humanity. Let's not waste it.

Forreste Markowitz

Self Office Administrator, Real Estate Broker

League City, TX

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to Texas Senate Bill 3, which proposes an outright ban on the hemp industry in our state. This legislation threatens thousands of jobs, undermines small businesses, and disregards the will of Texans who support a legal, regulated hemp market.

Senate Bill 3 would devastate a growing industry that contributes millions of dollars to the Texas economy and provides countless opportunities for entrepreneurship, agriculture, and innovation. The hemp industry has operated legally and responsibly under current regulations. To suddenly criminalize it is not only economically reckless but legally questionable.

This bill does nothing to improve public health or safety. Instead, it sends a chilling message to business owners, farmers, veterans, and patients who rely on hemp-derived products for their livelihoods and wellness. It will push consumers into unregulated, underground markets—creating exactly the kind of chaos this legislation claims to prevent.

Texans deserve smart, fair, and evidence-based policy—not fear-driven bans. I urge lawmakers to reject SB 3 and stand with Texas farmers, entrepreneurs, and consumers by preserving the legal hemp industry.

Emma Minigh

Texas Hill Country Vape and Smoke

Bee Cave, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill banning hemp products in Texas. As a dedicated employee in the hemp industry, I am deeply concerned about the potential impact this legislation will have on my job, my livelihood, and the community that relies on these products.

I have been fortunate to work at Texas Hill Country Vape and Smoke, where I have seen firsthand the positive effects that hemp-derived products have on people's lives. Our customers come to us seeking natural alternatives for wellness, pain relief, and stress management. Knowing that I contribute to providing these benefits is immense and rewarding. However, this proposed ban threatens not only my position but also the jobs of my colleagues and the economic stability of our community as a whole.

If this bill passes, it would force many businesses in the hemp industry to close their doors, resulting in widespread job losses.

The economic ripple effect of such a decision could be devastating, jeopardizing not just our immediate employment but also the livelihoods of countless family members who depend on us. I worry about losing my home and the financial security I have worked hard to achieve, all because of a sweeping ban that overlooks the responsible use and regulation of hemp products.

Instead of a ban, I urge lawmakers to consider implementing regulations that ensure product safety and compliance while allowing businesses to operate. This would foster a responsible industry that supports economic growth, job creation, and community wellness, rather than dismantling it altogether.

I ask you to advocate for the voices of employees like myself and to value the contributions we make to the Texas economy and community. Your support in opposing this ban could help protect not just our jobs but the broader benefits that responsible hemp usage provides to many Texans.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this important matter. I hope to see a decision that prioritizes both public health and the livelihood of those working diligently in the hemp industry.

Sincerely,

Emma Minigh

Manager

Texas Hill Country Vape and Smoke

Joan Stainton

Self, Interior Designer, Lacrosse Coach

Bellaire, TX

Banning THC and hemp products in Texas won't eliminate their use—it will simply drive the market underground, creating a more dangerous, unregulated black market. Texans have waited too long for sensible regulation, while 40 states—including all of Texas's neighbors—have already demonstrated how legalization works effectively. Legalize, regulate, and tax cannabis: this proven approach generates revenue, enhances safety, and reduces harm. Prohibition is a disservice to our state, overburdening regulators and law enforcement while failing to address modern realities. In fact, a 2021 analysis estimated that if Texas regulated adult-use cannabis like Colorado, it could generate over \$1.1 billion in new state revenue per biennium from \$2.7 billion in annual sales—a significant economic opportunity we're squandering.

THC is a natural, powerful medicine with wide-ranging benefits. It aids professional athletes recovering from sports injuries, veterans managing PTSD, and everyday citizens coping with anxiety, depression, and chronic pain. Studies, like those cited in the National Institute of Justice's research, show cannabis can address numerous conditions—yet Texas clings to outdated policies that punish rather than heal. Our state could lead nationally and globally in this industry, but instead, legislators jail non-violent individuals for possession, levy exorbitant fines, and derail lives with charges that carry penalties of up to \$10,000 and 10 years in prison for edibles—products that are legal just across our borders in OK, LA, and NM.

Some lawmakers claim prohibition protects children, yet they overlook the far greater harm caused by alcohol, which faces no comparable scrutiny despite contributing to 29% of Texas traffic fatalities in 2023, according to the Texas DOT. Responsible cannabis businesses, incentivized to stay compliant, wouldn't sell to minors—just as bars don't serve underage drinkers. But Texas lacks even basic regulations, like child-resistant packaging mandates seen in legalized states, leaving consumers vulnerable. Compare this to Colorado, where legalization cut youth cannabis arrests by 62% and established strict packaging rules, proving common-sense regulation works.

Prohibition also clogs our justice system. Courts are already backlogged, yet we waste resources prosecuting marijuana cases—often costing \$200 per test to distinguish marijuana from hemp—while rape kits and tests for harder drugs sit unprocessed. Law enforcement groups across the state, like those in Austin and Dallas, have embraced decriminalization, reducing arrests for possession. Yet small towns and state officials persist, disproportionately targeting non-violent citizens. In 2022, Texas made over 60,000 marijuana-related arrests, mostly for possession, according to the Texas DPS—a statistic which skews our states violent crime rates, ruining Texans lives in the process.

There's no justification for Texas to cling to these archaic, punitive policies!

Deverell Heckerson

Natural Ways and More

Spring, TX

I strongly oppose Senate Bill 3. Before I worked in the hemp industry, I was a consumer and found significant improvement of symptoms of my anxiety disorder.

I believe Texas needs reasonable regulation of hemp derived cannabinoids. I believe 10mg is reasonable but not per day, per serving is fine with a 100mg per day limit.

Please vote no on Senate Bill 3.

Janel Watson

Self- owner

Austin, TX

I oppose SB 3 because the hemp industry provides a natural and effective alternative to pharmaceuticals, giving people real options for how they choose to medicate. Beyond its medical benefits, this bill threatens the livelihood of thousands of hardworking Texans whose jobs depend on this growing industry.

SB 3 would not only harm public health and employment, but it would also strip millions in tax revenue from the state. The hemp industry contributes significantly to the Texas economy through sales taxes, licensing fees, and local business development. Shutting it down would mean less funding for schools, infrastructure, and essential public services.

This bill hurts our communities on every level—health, jobs, and the economy. I urge lawmakers to stand with Texas workers, small businesses, and patients by voting NO on SB 3

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to HB 28. This bill poses a serious threat to the Texas hemp industry, which supports thousands of jobs and serves countless patients who rely on hemp-derived products for their health and well-being.

If passed, HB 28 would impose regulations that could devastate small businesses, harm our local economy, and take away life-changing medicine from patients who have no other alternatives. The hardworking people in this industry deserve protection—not punishment—from legislation that disregards the real-life consequences on families, workers, and patients.

I urge you to stand with your constituents and vote NO on HB 28.

Emily Escamilla

Self

Dallas, TX

I'm diagnosed with major depressive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder and post traumatic stress disorder due to a physically abusive relationship I was in. Hemp has been life saving treatment for me,if it wasn't for hemp I wouldn't be here where I am today. It's helped me with night terrors, body aches, flashbacks and regulating my emotions.

Sandi Sandman

Self

Austin, TX

While the rest of the country has moved towards legalizing Cannabis our State representatives are working to roll back any progress. These politicians are not listening to doctors , veterans, etc . They have zero understanding of the health benefits (as well as financial to the state of Texas) of cannabis and hemp.

How about making alcohol and cigarettes ILLEGAL? Those are proven killers. NOT HEMP or cannabis. This is just absurd and takes us back to the 1950's.

Clay Bilbrey

CTWW Holdings LLC

Kyle, TX

SB 3 is unconstitutional. Period. Not only that but it will also only help the Black market rise from the ashes. The fact that we are talking about making full spectrum Cbd illegal is absolutely disgusting.

Esteban Powell
Scholarship Research Group
Austin, TX

Strongly oppose

Sheilah Keppler
Self- customer service representative
Cibolo, TX

I am a 75-year-old woman, and I am here to respond to this bill. I have a limited budget, and I use hemp products for pain relief and assistance with sleep. I have degenerative disc disease and was on opioids for many years. The opioids certainly cut my pain levels, but I was not able to function in a good way. I live with my grown children as I cannot afford housing in Texas. I get my hemp products from 2 sources, HomeTown Heroes and Medterra. Both sources provide testing clarity and affordability. My son in law is a Vet and hometown Heroes helps our Veterans. If this bill passes, I will not have enough funds to purchase the hemp products and extra fees will make it prohibitive for me to get the relief from pain in my spine and the needed sleep I require. I am still an active senior, and if fees and other costs drive up prices, and would make it impractical for me as a senior. While on opioids, I decided to get off opioids and buy a natural hemp product. I had severe withdrawal from the medication. If I stop my use of hemp products, there are no withdrawal symptoms. I am not buying these products to get high, I need these hemp products to be able to function in our household and be a productive member of the family and our community. After menopause, my sleep has suffered, and when I found a sleep product through Medterra, I was finally able to get a good 7-hour time of rest. The side effects of opioids and some sleep medication are not something I wish to experience if I lose the ability to purchase hemp products. I was a massage therapist for 35 years, and even though I can no longer do that strenuous job, I am able to work and assist my family. Seniors are often not seen, and at my age, with the hemp products, I can cook, clean, and have fun and be a productive member of the family and not be a burden to my children. Please think of the repercussions of this bill and think about the many seniors who finally have relief that allows me and other seniors to participate in "LIFE" and not be a zoned out zombie from opioids. As a senior, we need affordable, non-addictive options and hemp products provide us with that option. Please listen to your heart and the plea of a senior Texan. Don't make it harder for seniors to find the needed relief that accompanies the sometimes difficult process of aging. Keep us as Seniors in your thoughts when you decide our fate as a result of this bill. The revenue Texas benefits from the many good hemp companies is helping Texans. Don't take that away!!!

Robert Campbell
Self
Denton, TX

This bill will hurt my Vietnam veteran grandpa.

Olga Sandoval

Self, Mother, Wife, Christian and Realtor

Katy, TX

Mr. Perry,

Over the years, my personal experience with cannabis has evolved from curiosity to deep respect for its healing properties. It all began with my mother, who, at the age of 65, suffered from severe knee swelling and pain that traditional medicine could not relieve. Through one of my paternal uncles, she was introduced to marijuana leaves infused in rubbing alcohol, which brought her remarkable relief.

Later, my son—then just 18—struggled with anxiety and insomnia. He found that cannabis edibles helped him manage those issues when other treatments had failed. A close friend's brother, who had undergone a leg amputation due to diabetes, was prescribed opioids for pain. Unfortunately, the medication left him groggy and unmotivated. At a friend's suggestion, he turned to cannabis instead. It not only helped ease his pain, but he also avoided the debilitating side effects that came with prescription opioids.

My son has since worked in several areas of the cannabis industry. What began as a personal journey to manage his own anxiety has grown into a passionate commitment to helping others find natural alternatives for both emotional and physical ailments. In fact, he once wrote a paper for a college class on the benefits of cannabis, and his professor praised the amount of positive and well-researched information he shared with his peers. He now works as a manager and client consultant, educating customers on how to use cannabis safely and effectively.

Though my son also enjoys cannabis recreationally, I view it no differently than when someone enjoys a glass of wine or a cocktail in a social setting. What truly makes me proud is how seriously he takes his role. He often shares stories of customers who return to thank him—like mothers undergoing chemotherapy who are now able to eat again, or individuals with chronic pain or insomnia who are finally able to find rest. Hearing these stories reminds me that this plant was created by God for us to use.

I've personally used cannabis gummies on a few occasions to help manage stress, and I've found that they bring me calm and clarity in a way that feels far more natural and gentle than traditional medications—or even alcohol.

I respectfully ask you to consider cannabis not only as a viable medical alternative, but also as a safer and more natural option for responsible recreational use. It has the potential to transform lives, reduce dependency on harmful substances, and offer peace and healing to so many.

Sincerely,

Olga Janneth Sandoval

Charles Rodkey, Mr
Edinburg Health & Wellness
New Braunfels, TX

Transferring the regulatory authority when TDA and TDHS failed to adequately regulate their own license holders since the beginning of the hemp program makes no sense. All that the regulatory agencies have been doing this whole time is churning fees and throwing their hands up saying that they are underfunded and don't have enough regulators. Meanwhile, legitimate business owners have invested their life savings in an industry that we were invited to and legally working under the regulatory framework.

Many of us got into this industry because the state of Texas jacked up the license fees of TCUP so high that only out of state operators were able to afford the licensing fees. Now that they see the threat of affordable and effective hemp cannabinoids they want to lobby the state to take it away. At the same time, the alcohol industry is lobbying to take over the alternative drink market (THC infused beverages) which many experts are forecasting to be a \$2.3 trillion industry by 2035. While Texas represents 40% of the entire hemp industry nationwide in volume alone, it also employees over 50,000 hard workers with families to support.

Let's keep these jobs here continue innovating products that are made right here in Texas so we can continue to provide the affordable solutions to assist with health and wellness. We can do this by properly funding the existing regulatory agencies so they can enforce the regulations that are already on the books ; like 21+ age laws, laboratory, testing requirements, manufacturing standards, and child proof packaging. Raising the fees for licenses would be the easiest way to get there....\$100 is just not enough to keep out. Many of us would be happy to pay higher fees if that meant regulations would actually be taken seriously.

The passage of SB3 or HB28 would not only devastate small businesses that have invested heavily in licensing, compliance, testing, and local economic development - but would also set a dangerous precedent of legislative overreach into federally legal commerce. It would send a chilling message to all lawful Texas entrepreneurs operating in good faith within the hemp industry. We urge the Texas We urge the Texas Legislature to reject SB3 and HB28. We welcome continued collaboration on reasonable, science-based regulation that protects consumers without criminalizing compliant businesses and agricultural producers operating within federal law.

Respectfully,
Charles Rodkey
Chief Executive Officer
Valley Medicinals Edinburg, Texas

Erica Lujan
Self
Waco, TX
Oppose

Glenda Avalos
Self
San Antonio, TX

As a single mother of 4 who consumed cannabis for pain and to be able to get decent sleep. This ban would definitely interfere with my life in the most negative way.

ROBERT WEDGEWORTH
self
Amarillo, TX

Sb3 is a total prohibition bill disguised as strict regulation. However the requirements of this bill are not only unattainable. But will also hurt many Texans who depend on these products everyday.

John Calvachio
Self
Austin, TX
Strongly oppose

Shaun Waller

Self , mixer

Cisco, TX

No

Nicholas Hay

self - sales

Houston, TX

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Shutting it down would mean less funding for schools, infrastructure, and essential public services.

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Taylor Moody

Self

New Braunfels, TX

Do not support this bill. Will hurt texas

Rooster Leblanc

Bahama mama liberty

Dayton, TX

The and many of these products change lives for the better daily especially for people who can't afford poison from big pharma which we all know is the reason we are here in the first place because they are in the pockets of corrupt officials and I don't think the people of Texas should be made to suffer and lose our rights to the products and move in reverse from the rest of the world who are moving towards the legalization of THC and all the benefits it has on people's everyday lives especially since it is still acceptable to buy alcohol which has taken way more lives and has many many more negative impacts I implore you to please please reconsider banning THC

Milton Ramos

Self

Waco, TX

Oppose

Nicholas Silva

self

Austin, TX

strongly oppose

Jeremy Garcia

Self

Live Oak, TX

Stop this bill! Rules and Regulation are needed, criminalizing Hemp will just push it back to the streets. Regulations such as a well documented Government ID log w/purchase history, as they have in legal states, would help us find out who is putting regulated/ age restricted items in our schools, and that goes for MORE THAN just Hemp! ALCOHOL, and TOBACCO are taking a choke hold on the youth and killing them quicker than we can educate them, they all need better regulation! Prohibition has never worked and never will!

David York

The Hemp Corner

Cisco, TX

I oppose this bill. This is literally my livelihood financially. Let alone the fact that it helps thousands of Americans in my town deal with PTSD, depression and anxiety. No one is dying. No one is over dosing. You know those are lies. Please keep Americans free.

Rashad Taylor

Self

San Antonio, TX

I do not support this bill as it is not only harmful to a growing industry that brings not only jobs and income to this state but puts back regulated tested legal hemp products into the black market.

Cody Sandone

Self

Dallas, TX

As a Texas business owner in the hemp industry, I strongly oppose HB28 and SB3. These bills would devastate an industry that supports over 50,000 jobs and generates nearly \$10 billion in revenue for our state.

My company alone employs 20 people whose livelihoods are on the line. While I support reasonable regulation for consumer safety, these bills are overreaching and regressive. They threaten not just my business, but the entire hemp economy in Texas.

Texans overwhelmingly support open access to cannabis. It's evident with the overwhelming landslide victories in major cities to decriminalize cannabis for personal use. Instead of dismantling a thriving sector, I urge you to collaborate with stakeholders on smart, balanced policy.

Please vote NO on these harmful bills.

Sherman Gearhart

Self smoke and vape shop associate

San Antonio, TX

Hemp is not meth, it is not hard drugs. It's medicinal. It helps so many get thru pains and anxieties, it helps with eating and sleep disorders. It helps calm those with autism and other special needs. Those that have illnesses that hurt and hinder makes things hurt less. Helps cancer patients with pain and appetite, helps with glycoma in making things clear and ease the swelling of certain things as well. This do not need to be taken away it needs to be allowed to all so people don't have to turn to the streets. Regulate it better like no gas stations and keep it in shops for jus vape and smoke.

Justin Sandone
Self - Business Owner
Dallas, TX

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Robert Ryman
self, front desk at hotel
Arlington, TX

With all due respect, I tried it your way & became an alcoholic. I wouldn't be 4 years sober if it wasn't for THC-A & could've, easily, died from alcoholism. It, also, helped me quit tobacco after 25 years. Consumable hemp has given me a fighting chance in my life-long battle against depression & anxiety. Hopefully, this testimony will demonstrate the positive effects of THC & lethality of our legal alternatives, alcohol & tobacco. Cannabis isn't physically addictive like alcohol or nicotine, either. Please, make Texas healthy again.

curtis dickinson
self retired
san antonio, TX

I am 70 years old and have smoked marijuana all of my life for my ADHD and help with the stress bilateral profound hearing loss and having one arm. No addiction, no hangovers, no withdrawals. A half life about 2 hours. Since the 1960's the potency of marijuana has gone from around 1--5% to currently up to 30%. (Don't hold me to the numbers). And still no one knew because there is nothing to know. THC is a wonderful recreational and medicinal compound. And who is to say that recreational use is not, in essence, providing a medicinal degree state of mind at peace? The only thing bad about marijuana that happened to me is being arrested for it possessing it more than once, an ounce or less for personal use. The CORI as a teenager ruined my chances of ever working again where a police record was checked. Anywhere in the country where I applied as a Chef would either be turned away or fired if found out about the arrest after being hired. It will never go away and the fear of arrest is not good. Please legitimize weed and vote NO on these bills.

Clinton Trimble
Self
Waco, TX

I am reaching out to vote against SB3 and it passing as a bill in the state of Texas. I am a born and raised Texan who has built a life for myself, my wife, and my employees while also being able to give back to my community and my state.
This bill would put an end to all of that. This bill is not an answer.
Thank you for your time from one Texan to another.

Tanner Nolen
Self
Canyon Lake, TX

Texans do not want this to pass. We are making our voices loud and clear - this is a huge mistake. Instead of regulating the multi billion dollar industry, this seeks to destroy it - upending thousands of jobs, taking away veteran's medicine, and revitalizing the cartels that have suffered from its' legality in our beautiful state. Please do not let this pass.

Jenni Longo, Veteran

Self

Rhome, TX

As a veteran, I have faced significant challenges in managing pain and anxiety—conditions that the Veterans Affairs healthcare system has struggled to effectively treat. Through personal experience, I have found that THC provides relief where traditional treatments have fallen short.

Expanding access to medical cannabis in Texas would offer veterans a safer, more effective alternative to opioids and other prescription medications that often come with severe side effects. I urge you to consider policies that support the well-being of those who have served our country by allowing greater access to this vital treatment option.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Muhammad Ali Khawaja

Self

Richmond, TX

It's medicinal use is actually beneficial and there has been many case studies to support that so it shouldn't be banned.

Michael Macleod, Mr.

The Haze Connect

Manchaca, TX

Banning all THC products in favor of regulation is a step backwards for Texas. Black market THC products will come back stronger than ever if this ban goes through. A missed opportunity to collect taxes and provide safe consumable thc to the public

Zachariah Sunny

Self

Rowlett, TX

I am writing in opposition to SB 3 , I believe representatives of Texas can not truthfully or wholly endorse this bill as it does not reflect the interests or desires of our Texas Population. Hemp industry is a nationwide, regulated, and evolving aspect of humanities fight for freedom and understanding of this world.

Carlos Hernandez, Mr

Self

Spring, TX

I am adamantly opposed to SB3 as it will have a significant impact on my business and livelihood. As a responsible business owner in the hemp space I welcome common sense regulation. But an outright ban will do nothing but push people into the illicit market, stress law enforcement resources, and hurt veterans in our state. This not the Texan way. We have countless customers that share stories with us about consumable hemp has helped them curb their alcohol consumption and helped them live a normal life. Why not be a leader in the country and regulate these products and continue to reap the benefits of the tax revenue that our state desperately needs. We already know that after a 40 year failed drug war that prohibition does not work. Are we really going to unnecessarily continue to put stress on our law enforcement agencies who are already struggling with the public safety issues that really matter? It seems to me that our state's resources can be put to better use then policing and incarcerating people who are following a federal law. Please do the right thing for Texans and regulate not eliminate the 8 billion hemp industry in Texas.

Linda Megan Schmunk

Trippiez smoke shop

Austin, TX

I Oppose, i think we need a natural alternative to pharmaceutical medicines for treatment of chronic pain and mental health. That is THCA. It is not spice. Spend money fighting the fentanyl crisis and not something that is doing no harm. It also directly impacts my house hold financially and we would loose our jobs.

Richard Grissom, Mr.
Self, Chief of Operations
Katy, TX

I am in opposition to SB3 and HB28. SB3 will destroy businesses, harming over 50,000 employees and eliminating over \$4.3 billion in taxable revenues.

Over 150 people testified expressing their disapproval when SB3 was heard by the Senate. This included veterans, business owners, and people that TCUP failed. Rather than focus on consumer safety, such as product testing, SB3 focuses on criminalization.

Dan Patrick's spearheading of SB3 shows a blatant disregard for his constituents. Polls show over 62% of Texans support legalized cannabis. More than 70% support medical or farm bill compliant products.

SB3 serves to ban products that are compliant nationwide, while monopolizing the medical market. The TCUP program is incredibly limited in scope, as it only treats certain conditions and severely limits vendors. TCUP is archaic in comparison to the programs of other states.

I urge the Senate and House to consider the will of the people, and vote in opposition to SB3. This should not be considered a partisan issue, it is an issue of personal choice and freedom.

Ryan Chadek
Self
San Antonio, TX

In Texas, we value our freedom and personal responsibility. If history has taught us anything, it's that prohibition doesn't work. It's a waste of our tax payer dollars and law enforcement resources. With 68% of Texas voters wanting consumable THC to remain legal, it's one of the few bi-partisan issues both sides can agree on. Alcohol and cigarettes are so much more dangerous, yet we still allow citizens of legal age to use them, as long as they do so responsibly. What I love about Texas is our independent spirit, and so much of that spirit is born out of a government that values personal freedom over government restrictions. Ultimately, this issue should come down to a matter of personal choice. Please focus our state resources on more meaningful legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Eric G
Self
Austin, TX

You should have better things to do then close businesses down that make a living & pay you guys that you you call taxes! Go after people who kidnap children & worse not who make an honest living. The way your moving this state your going to make everyone slaves & out of business where everyone will need government assistance. Which means no vacation for you guys from tax payers money or raises for you guys from taxpayers money & so on!

Jake Wilson
Self - CPA
Fort Worth, TX

I support moving SB3 forward to the House floor.

Jessica Thomas

Self

Austin, TX

Access to Hemp derived topical has given me freedom from debilitating bone marrow and muscle pain from the fracture of 76 bones caused by trauma incurred in the years 2000-2005 after 3 years of weaning off and 7 months of hardcore withdrawal from managed psychiatry I found relief with Hemp products- every morning before I dress I apply to my body a topical salve, a pain rub containing 13 ingredients including Delta 8 and CBN- I am free of addicting pharmaceuticals and lead a functional life - in a CGMP facility I created an affordable topical that is 3rd party lab tested for quality and contaminants that I can, throughout my day apply and remain functioning, sober and present through each moment- hundreds of citizens find that same relief with mine and similar products that the 2018 Farm Bill gave us access to and spawned an economic boon for Texas employment, taxes and growth of an industry. Regulation is necessary in any industry that involves the health, safety and wellness of millions of Americans. See to it that Texas owned businesses thrive as Texans thrive with safe, effective, non addictive solutions, See to it that Texas owned companies and their financial contributions stay in Texas and vote NO BAN! Your constituents thank you! I thank you!

John Boniface

Self

Round rock, TX

Opposed

Stephanie Thompson

Self

Stafford, TX

Opposing SB 3, it's essential to highlight that excessive regulation of consumable hemp products can stifle growth and innovation in a burgeoning industry. The proposed registration requirements and fees may disproportionately burden small businesses and limit consumer access to a variety of hemp-derived products. Additionally, establishing criminal offenses and administrative penalties risks overregulation and could lead to unjust enforcement practices. A more thoughtful approach is needed—one that ensures consumer safety while promoting a vibrant, competitive market for hemp products.

Alex Esquivel

Self

San Antonio, TX

Close minded individuals think this will help Texas overall when Texas wants SAFER SCHOOLS, STRICTER GUN LAWS, AND HARSHER PUNISHMENTS FOR MURDER AND ANIMAL CRUELTY. Instead, cigarettes and alcohol are legal and at every corner accessible to children everywhere and we're worried about hemp? Our priorities are WRONG. I do not agree with this bill.

MARSHALL SALEMAN

The Pink Cloud LLC

Austin, TX

Please do not ban hemp products

Matt Rogers

Self

San Antonio, TX

Strongly against - will move out if the state if it goes thru.

Joel Naugle
Herban Bud Inc.
Austin, TX

I, Joel Naugle, find this bill to be doing more harm to the community of Austin, and the state of Texas, than good. I would be losing my job, and my medical benefits. Please reconsider.

Rodolfo Cantu, Sr
CBD American Shaman
Edinburg, TX

Please regulate the hemp industry, no ban will allow safe products, enforce regulations and lets clean the industry.

Justin Fleming
Self
Tolar, TX

Needs to be legal. Thank you

Abel Martinez
Self
Weslaco, TX

No!

Mark Kemple
Self
Houston, TX

SB3 would drive the entire hemp-derived product industry underground by banning full-spectrum products and THC entirely, despite their federal legality. This fuels black-market operations, directly empowering drug cartels and eliminating consumer protections. With no regulated market, product safety drops, increasing the risk of contamination and mislabeling. Youth access will skyrocket, as the grey market has zero incentive to verify age. The ban on smokables and mail-order eliminates access for disabled, rural, and homebound Texans. Increased licensing fees (\$10K/year/location for manufacturers, \$20K/year/location for retailers) are punitive and would shutter small businesses. This bill is anti-commerce, anti-consumer, and counterproductive to public safety.

Michelle McLaughlin, Texas constituent
Self
San Antonio, TX

I oppose SB3 and ask you do the same. I have been employed by a 21+ up retail store for over three years. During that time I have met hundreds of consumers, that rely on the products we sell in compliance with the existing laws. They rely on these for comfort, relaxation, sleep, motivation and other wellness benefits. Most of these consumers are Military Veterans, Cancer Patients, people who suffer from chronic pains and ailments they often suffer from as a result of working hard physical labor. As a result of the medical procedures to treat symptoms without identifying underlying cause, these customers still feel unwell and untreated after receiving a fifth, sixth, or seventh prescription. Texas constituents should have the right to access hemp through fair and reasonable regulation. To deny the people the right of access through banning the substances is to ignore the documented benefits of hemp. No one wants these products in the hands of minors. We do not participate in predatory practices. Small businesses do not put their livelihood at risk for children. Banning these products will only foster predatory practices on the streets. By maintaining these products in 21+ stores, they are safely made available to adults. Banning will not stop adults from accessing these products, but instead of buying them in a regulated store, they will buy them in parks, public parking lots, and in the worst case, in homes where children reside. That is where black market sales occur. It does not protect our children to ban and create a black market. We ask for fair and reasonable regulation. Get these products out of gas stations and other retail stores that do not require the proof of age. We should be working together to ensure the voices of constituents are heard while protecting the rights of adults to chose.

Isabella Carrascal

Self

Austin, TX

This bill would revitalize black markets, would not stop minors from accessing THC, and would make it much more difficult for veterans with treatment-resistant PTSD to live normal lives.

Tracy Pietrzyk

Self

Watauga, TX

No

Carlie Money

Self

Garland, TX

I use hemp to moderate my depression, anxiety, and medical issues. Oftentimes prescriptions drugs fail me in my medical issues and the only thing that genuinely helps me is using hemp. Banning this does nothing but push people to the black market to consume unregulated and possibly tainted drugs. We know by now, after the insane amount of arrests for Marijuana, that prohibition doesn't work. Regulate it within reason and allow people the liberty to choose for themselves. This is 2025, this conversation should be over by now.

James Hebbler, Mr.

Vapor Ventures, Inc

Lake Jackson, TX

Limiting all THC products is a huge mistake. This is a God given natural medicine that helps people with chronic pain, keeps them off of dangerous Opioids and helps people sleep without dangerous chemicals. CBG and CBN are not enough. By banning these products, the state will lose millions of dollars in tax revenues, creating a black market that is totally unregulated, not to mention I will have to shut my business down, break my lease and send 10 people to the unemployment line. Its quite obvious that big Marijuana is pushing this bill. They want to monopolize just as alcohol has. How much are they paying you to drive this ridiculous bill? This is not about protecting children and you know it. Under 21 is strictly observed at ALL retail locations, yet you obviously have no problem with buying a gallon of Tequila or Diesel Fuel Vodka and careening down the highway at 85 mph, taking out a family of five. THC doesn't work like that. Let this sink in: Five drunk guys start a fight and Five stoned guys start a band. I cant explain it any clearer than that. If this idiotic bill passes, I hope you and your constituents enjoy your last term in office.

Amy Sanders

Self, customer support

MCALLEN, TX

I am a 32 year old female. Being a female has its monthly disadvantage... common for most women, the pain varies between them as well. It's a debilitating pain to deal with, that not even ibuprofen or acetaminophen can successfully tackle. Cannabis can, and has helped immensely. In 2021, I was in a terrible car accident. My right elbow shattered, had to get pins and plates surgically inserted in order to keep it moving properly. The pain can be unbearable some days. Over the counter pain killers don't help with that pain either and I do NOT want to request prescription pain killers because that opens a whole other world of potential addiction or requiring them for every ache and pain in the future. But natural and SAFE cannabis has helped. I have been diagnosed with PTSD from that accident and cannabis helps ease my mind before sleep as well. Replaying that accident in my head is not something I would wish on anyone. I urge everyone to allow Texas to KEEP CANNABIS LEGAL in all its forms. Keep it for the ones who need access to its medicinal properties. You want to "protect the children" but they'll be more likely to purchase from a shady dealer if these bills pass. Keep it legal and regulated so that way CLEAN and NATURAL cannabis is out on the market for adults to LEGALLY consume

Michelle Brown
Self
Austin, TX
Strongly oppose

Caitlyn Williams
Self
Ranger, TX
Opposed

Eli Langley
US Pain Foundation
Houston, TX

Honorable Members of the State Affairs Committee -
My name is Eli and I have been an active member of the US Pain Foundation since 2019.

I am extremely troubled by SB 3, which, if enacted as written, would have a severe negative impact on my quality of life. Full-spectrum hemp products are absolutely vital in my overall treatment plan to support my health.

At just 24 years old I have spent more time in doctors offices and hospitals than some third year medical students. My medical team and I are intelligent, competent, and out of the box thinkers. If there's a new study - we've read it, when there's a new medication, product, or off label treatment we consider it. To put it simply, there is no replacement for full spectrum CBD and it certainly is not for a lack of trying.

Having access to these non-intoxicating, non-addictive, products means I am able to sleep without waking up crying from being in so much pain. I can sleep without night terrors, painful leg spasms and adrenaline dumps. I can go throughout my day without graphic PTSD flashbacks, be grounded and present when spending time with family and friends and invest time in my interests and hobbies. Ultimately providing me the tools I need so that I can meaningfully participate in my own life.

If access to these life saving products is eliminated the efficacy of my other prescribed and pre-established treatments would be significantly diminished. Without CBD I could no longer tolerate car rides longer than 15 minutes. I would be lucky to sleep an hour every night and my gastroparesis goes uncontrolled, forcing me to vomit daily. Despite all of my hard work I've put into my health over the past several years, if full spectrum products were no longer available to me - the likelihood of becoming bed bound once again is very, very real.

The bill makes a serious misstep by lumping the products that I use in with non-tested and non-regulated products. Full spectrum hemp products naturally contain small, non-intoxicating amounts of THC along with CBD. It's important to reconsider these limits based on current science about impairment. Other states have been able to regulate the market and keep their citizens safe while still protecting access to these tools.

I, like so many other Texans, are begging you to listen to us, hear our stories and understand the impact this bill would have. You have the power to change our lives and we desperately need your support. Removing effective wellness tools would force disabled Texans like me to make harsh decisions to secure our wellbeing as a result of SB 3. Texans who suffer deserve better. Please act now to ensure SB 3 provides our community with the support we need. Thank you for your time and your attention.

Eli Langley
901-317-9953
US Pain Foundation

Jaime Sandoval, Mr

Self/ Bahama mama store owner

Irving, TX

My name is Jaime Sandoval and I am the owner of two Bahama Mama CBD Wellness stores, and would like to talk about why I am opposing SB3. Passing this SB3 would kill so many jobs and an industry where many people (our customers/family) use it for medicinal reasons. We have customers who use it for controlling pain, insomnia, seizures, neuropathy and Tourette syndrome. Where no other medicine can help stop, control or assist with symptoms, to try and have a normal life. From the beginning we check ID's and have "21 and Over" signs at entrances. Please if needed make stricter restrictions but do not ban the sale of these items. Remember, the livelihood of all are in your hands. Thank you

Natasha Huggins

Self/ Smokeshop salesperson

Mesquite, TX

I oppose this bill

Sarah Wilpitz, Mrs.

self - homemaker

Dallas, TX

I am in favor of SB 3 which would eliminate Delta 9 hemp products containing THC from Texas. This can cause serious mental illnesses with difficult and expensive repercussions. Thank you!

Amiah Yearby

Self/ Budtender

Waco, TX

Hello Senator Perry and the Texas House of Representatives

My name is Amiah Yearby and I am a concerned Texas native & servant of the community. I have been working in the Texas Hemp industry for over a year now, and the work I have been doing has changed lives. I serve veterans, the elderly and the chronic pain patients every day. At my job I may not wear a lab coat but I certainly hear firsthand about people's health and how cannabis helps. This bill proposes a flat out ban of the one thing this plant must do, heal! The customers who come through my doors everyday are Texans & residents just trying to live their life with less pain, more rest & overall less stress. They are trying to take care of their families and themselves. I am in tears writing this because I have had many hard conversations & deep ones about how cannabis changes their everyday life. Every veteran I serve thanks me for what I am doing and the relief that they are receiving. New customers are appreciative of the education & care that I give. Banning this resource, whether regulated or not, will leave a lot of people in need to source their medicine from the black market. That does not care about their wellbeing. At Treehouse Dispensary where I work in Waco, TX I am proud to serve quality cannabis to adults that want and need it. I witness many customers who feel safe and cared for with a place they can shop responsibly. Like I said I educate every person that comes through the door and advocate for responsible consumption. Because I want people to enjoy the plant and not abuse it. If there is any problem in this Hemp industry it is the lack of education around this plant. And if we are going to do cannabis right, for Texans, then we must be educated about the plant and all of its cannabinoids. I'm not sure if our law makers care about Texans using plant medicine to care for themselves. But I do. I want them to be able to gain all that they can from a regulated product that contains a full spectrum of cannabinoids. The hemp plant is designed to have multiple THC cannabinoids & regulating it down to just two CB cannabinoids is next to impossible for a plant that creates its own needs. The education I have about cannabis & how it affects the body should be shared. If we ban it in this way we are subjecting people, especially our most vulnerable to harmful alternatives & zero education about the true benefits of cannabis. I implore you, Texas House Representatives, to listen to the real science of this plant & how it actually affects lives in this State & not just rhetoric & old propaganda about the beautiful healing of Cannabis. Care for your Texans & want a regulated hemp market for them not a ban. I love serving my regulars as I call them. It brings me joy to see them come back to themselves & fight through chronic pain issues, PTSD & other mental health issues. A quote from Bob Marley says 'he reveals yourself to yourself' & I believe cannabis does that and more for Texans

Chayton Jones

Self

Garland, TX

This bill will put many people out of work and business

Charlotte Owen

American Vapor Manufactures Association

seguin, TX

Written Testimony Opposing Senate Bill 3 (SB3)

Submitted by Charlotte Owen, Vice President, American Vapor Manufacturers Association

April 7, 2025

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

My name is Charlotte Owen, and I am the Vice President of the American Vapor Manufacturers Association. I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3), which threatens to shut down vapor shops across Texas at a time when our industry—and the state’s economy—can least afford it. The vapor industry is a vital economic engine in Texas, and the passage of SB3 would deliver a devastating blow to businesses already struggling under challenging economic conditions, while costing the state hundreds of millions in lost revenue and economic activity.

According to our 2023 report, Positive Economic Impact of the Vapor Industry in Texas, the vapor industry supports 7,678 jobs across the state. This includes 3,566 direct jobs, 1,784 supplier jobs, and 2,328 induced jobs—all of which contribute to the livelihoods of hardworking Texans. These jobs generate a total of \$477,216,700 in wages, with \$169,203,500 from direct employment, \$169,760,800 from supplier activity, and \$149,252,400 from induced economic effects. Beyond wages, the industry drives a staggering \$1,703,781,000 in total economic impact, including \$509,414,600 from direct contributions, \$723,855,100 from supplier effects, and \$470,511,300 from induced activity. Additionally, the vapor industry contributes \$185,279,800 annually in state and local taxes, revenue that Texas relies on to fund critical services.

SB3, by effectively shuttering vapor shops, would erase these economic benefits at a time when small businesses are already grappling with inflation, supply chain disruptions, and a volatile economy. Vapor shops are not just numbers on a spreadsheet—they are local businesses owned and operated by Texans, employing our neighbors, and supporting our communities. They are the businesses and people of your District. The closure of these shops would not only eliminate thousands of jobs but also ripple through the economy, harming suppliers, landlords, and other businesses that depend on the vapor industry’s success.

The financial cost to Texas would be catastrophic. Losing \$1.7 billion in economic activity and nearly \$200 million in tax revenue is a hit the state cannot afford, especially as we work to recover and rebuild. For an industry already hurting, SB3 is a death knell that would punish small business owners and workers who have fought to keep their doors open. Rather than imposing restrictive measures that kill jobs and revenue, Texas should be fostering policies that support economic resilience and growth.

I urge you to consider the real-world consequences of SB3—not just for the vapor industry, but for the thousands of Texans who depend on it and the state’s fiscal health. I respectfully request that you reject this bill and protect the economic contributions of our industry.

Raquel Sotelo

Self/Mental Health Counselor

Houston, TX

As a professional in the mental health field, I have observed firsthand the concerns some individuals have regarding the potential mental health risks of THC, often influenced by unverified sources. However, based on my experience, I have not encountered any cases where THC has directly caused mental or behavioral problems. That said, I do believe it is important to implement appropriate regulations for THC, similar to those governing the consumption of alcohol. Just like alcohol, THC can be misused, and there is a potential risk of children gaining access to it. I believe the regulation of THC consumption, in line with existing regulations for other adult products, would ensure safer usage, reduce risks to minors, and provide economic benefits through taxation and oversight.

Carol McCown, Bookkeeper

The Hemp Corner

Eastland, TX

Against passing of HB3 and SB28. These bills are created to follow a political and monetary agenda using hype for public health concerns. Centuries of cannabis use have proven that it poses no harmful side effects and many health benefits, unlike pharmaceutical drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or OTC medications. Cannabis has not contributed to the death toll or diseases adding to the medical cost of these approved and readily available products with massive negative health benefits. The cannabis industry is not only beneficial for those suffering from a multitude of maladies, including PTSD, sleep deprivation, depression, migraines, pain, glaucoma, arthritis, epilepsy, but also contributes to the state coffers through taxation, property leases, utilities, as well as the livelihood of employees providing for their families. Are there irresponsible adults who do not practice judicious use? Definitely. However, the same parameter can be applied to prescription drugs, OTC medications, alcohol and cigarettes. The difference? Cannabis has no harmful side effects with no risk of overdose. Misinformation does not help Texas citizens. Knowledge is power, and education is key. Helping others is who we are and what we do. I am asking you to reject SB3 AND HB28. Scientific studies have proven that we have receptors in our DNA to specifically utilize cannabis to treat aforementioned maladies. Help others by allowing them to make decisions regarding their own health. Again, reject SB3 and HB28. Thank you.

Jessica Pelle

Self - Director of Operations

Round Rock, TX

This legislation represents a significant step backward for Texas, with far-reaching negative implications for public health, the economy, and individual liberties.? Outright prohibition drives the market underground, leading to unregulated and potentially more dangerous products.

The hemp industry has become a significant contributor to Texas's economy, providing thousands of jobs and generating substantial revenue. Banning THC products would devastate this burgeoning sector, leading to job losses and economic downturns in communities that have benefited from hemp cultivation and sales. According to industry estimates, the state could lose approximately \$19.2 million in tax revenue over the next two fiscal years if this ban is enacted. ?

SB 3 infringes upon personal freedoms by restricting adults' ability to make informed choices about their consumption of legal hemp products. Many Texans, including veterans and individuals with chronic conditions, have found relief in these products. Implementing a blanket ban disregards their needs and autonomy.?

Rather than imposing a total ban, Texas should consider adopting comprehensive regulations that address concerns about underage access and product safety. Measures such as mandatory lab testing, child-resistant packaging, clear labeling, and restricting sales to individuals over 21 can effectively mitigate potential risks without dismantling the industry. These approaches have been successfully implemented in other states, balancing public health concerns with economic and personal freedoms.?

Senate Bill 3 is a misguided attempt to address concerns that can be more effectively managed through regulation rather than prohibition. The proposed ban threatens public health by pushing products into unregulated markets, undermines a vital economic sector, and encroaches upon individual liberties. Texas should reject SB 3 in favor of a regulatory framework that ensures safety, supports economic growth, and respects personal choice.

kayla welch

self

San Marcos, TX

hemp products should be legal in tx!!!!

Sherri Busby

Self

Waco, TX

Please don't allow this to pass.

Bryson Anderson
Self/Retail Manager
San Antonio, TX

This bill will not help the Texans that our representatives swore to help, it will only drive people (hard working and upstanding people) to the illicit black market and will overcrowd our already crowded prison systems. Nothing about banning THC serves to move Texas in a better direction. Regulation is key! Prohibition only exacerbates the problem. It's time that our representatives actually show Texans that they have their best interests at heart, and not just their own personal feelings, opinions, and agendas. A move banning THC would absolutely impact the Texas economy and thousands of families who rely on this industry to provide for themselves and their loved ones. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Yamel Godinez
Self
San Marcos, TX

It helps with my mental health please keep it.

VANCE LAZAR, Owner
Pioneer Architecture PLLC
Frisco, TX

Oppose this OLD SCHOOL thinking. Listen to the constituents!

Nate Glover
Self
Mesquite, TX

I am diametrically opposed to this bill. This bill does not benefit Texas businesses nor Texas consumers. I've heard "experts" talk about how dangerous thc is but have no issues with liquor stores selling gallons of vodka within a 2 mile radius from an elementary school. Not everyone who consumes thc is getting behind the wheel or causing domestic disturbances. I consume thc to help with both physical pain relief and ptsd. I pay my taxes and do not burden my fellow citizens as I am an informed and responsible consumer. Do not punish free citizens for the missteps of a few. I'm for not banning vape shops near schools and even for having ID checked before entering a vape shop but to take the option away all together is only going to strengthen the black market where kids are likely to get thc laced with whatever street dealers are putting in which will only harm our youth more. If you really want to push legislation like this then put it to a vote for Texans to decide. Don't leave it to people like Dan Patrick who isn't open to hearing Texans and threatens to hold emergency sessions to push garbage legislation through. Thank you for your time, I hope you will make the decision that the majority of Texans want which is to not pass SB3.

Emily Parker
Self, mother
Richardson, TX

As a mother who uses hemp products in my daily life for health, I strongly oppose this bill. It is not only bad for the Texas economy, but also goes against what 68% of what Texas voters want. As a life long Texan, a ban of hemp would be a huge overstep by the government and goes against basic human freedoms that we as a state stand for time and time again.

Guns, opioids and alcohol are the largest problems for our children, not hemp.

Texas hemp is a \$10.2 BILLION industry that fuels our economy, creates jobs, and generates millions in tax revenue.
\$10.2 billion in annual economic impact

53,000+ Texas jobs

\$2.1 billion in wages

\$5.5 billion in revenue

\$267 million in tax revenue

\$2.8 reinvested into the economy for every \$1 spent on texas hemp

SB 3 would revoke my access to hemp and cannabinoid products outside of beverages, destroy a thriving industry and put thousands of Texans out of work.

Isabel Chapa
Self
Houston, TX

I want to register my opposition to this bill. Please reconsider. Thank you

Mohammad Shatnawi
Level up Trading Inc
Midland, TX

No

Matthew Seekatz
Self
San Marcos, TX

if you make this bill go through it would make the ability for me to support my family impossible and i would have to go on unemployment. There are also many medical benefits that i see where it would negatively effect me if this bill were to pass. what we need to do is create one that has reasonable age restrictions, making it to where someone has to be an adult to purchase the adult products so that would mean they have to be 21. it would also be a good thing to have something with child resistant packaging like what has to happen with other related adult products.

Please be reasonable and close this bill and do not pass it.

i oppose this bill without any question, please shut this bill down!

Mary Brewer
self
Granbury, TX

any hemp, thc and cbd products should be made legal. It helps so many people. If you make marijuana legal then addictions to other drugs for pain would not happen.

James Perez

Arvida Labs

Hialeah, TX

I oppose SB 3 because the hemp industry provides a natural and effective alternative to pharmaceuticals, giving people real options for how they choose to medicate. Beyond its medical benefits, this bill threatens the livelihood of thousands of hardworking Texans whose jobs depend on this growing industry.

SB 3 would not only harm public health and employment, but it would also strip millions in tax revenue from the state. The hemp industry contributes significantly to the Texas economy through sales taxes, licensing fees, and local business development. Shutting it down would mean less funding for schools, infrastructure, and essential public services.

This bill hurts our communities on every level—health, jobs, and the economy. I urge lawmakers to stand with Texas workers, small businesses, and patients by voting NO on SB 3

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to HB 28. This bill poses a serious threat to the Texas hemp industry, which supports thousands of jobs and serves countless patients who rely on hemp-derived products for their health and well-being.

If passed, HB 28 would impose regulations that could devastate small businesses, harm our local economy, and take away life-changing medicine from patients who have no other alternatives. The hardworking people in this industry deserve protection—not punishment—from legislation that disregards the real-life consequences on families, workers, and patients.

I urge you to stand with your constituents and vote NO on HB 28. (edited)

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Isabel Chapa

Self

Houston, TX

I want to register my opposition to this. Please reconsider. Thank you

Daniel Zepeda

Self

Cedar Park, TX

Vote no

Bailey Anderlitch

Self

Dripping Springs, TX

Please don't get rid of it make it only 21 and up do to the fact with me having a very bad headache and ptsd this is the only way to through the day it helps a lot of people and it's gonna cost alot of jobs

Jason Reece

Self

Spring, TX

I have been dealing with ruptured discs in my back and degenerative disc disease since 2008. In 2021, I got a DVT/Blood Clot in my leg. CBD has improved my quality of life exponentially. I have been to the doctor too many times to count for these issues, and I am at the point where I have to choose between back surgery or continuing with the daily pain and low mobility. As the doctor informs me, the back surgery is painful and I will lose even more mobility. When I take CBD as instructed, I have many more days where I don't notice the pain. I have had doctors tell me to just continue taking prescription opioids to get past the pain, but that stuff is killing people and is very addictive. I would much rather take CBD to help with the inflammation and pain management as it is not addictive and not nearly as potent. Please consider leaving things the way they are now. It helps so many people who really need help. Thank you.

April Smith
Self/Registered Nurse
Springtown, TX

I am majorly opposed to increasing restrictions on hemp and cannabinoids. As a hospice nurse, I am able to observe the decreased use of opioids for pain management and decreased anxiety without benzodiazepine usage in the population of Texas. Cannabinoids are much safer than even alcoholic beverages, which are legal. Please consider that imposing laws against hemp derived cannabinoids could cause an increase in more harmful drugs, and waster resources on something that only lawmakers seem to feel is a concern. Cannabinoids use has been studied and proven to be effective for certain populations for pain and anxiety management. Please do not disregard science and Texas residents need for alternatives to addictive medications that impair a person far more than a hemp derived product. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
April Smith, RN, CPC

Jessica Cotto
Self-Medical clinic admin
Cedar Park, TX

Access to alternative medicine like these has been well regulated and guarded and prevented people from having to place themselves in dangerous situations to gain access to resources that are more natural and less likely to cause side effects or needs for additional medications due to side effects. There are security guards and Identification checks before even allowing anyone to enter or purchase. Plus, this is a way to ensure transactions are legitimate and taxed correctly.

Alma Pierce
Self
Nevada, TX

Please vote down

justin vandergriff
myself
North Richland Hills, TX

removing hemp/cannabis and not embracing the cultural turn will only hurt texas in the long run compared to the surrounding southern states. p.s. don't tell me what i can and cant put in my body. are we free in texas or not? learn from other states and do better. stop trying to throw the baby out with the bath water.

Johnathan Coley
Self
leander, TX

I strongly opposed this bill. It will negatively impact our local economy and directly hurt my wife's and I's local business. People would have to go to the street to purchase these items they're are currently buying legally and paying taxes on now.

Johnathan Torres
Self
Houston, TX

I am opposed SB3 as it will be detrimental to my family and THOUSANDS of others. I am a property owner, business owner who pays thousands a month in sales tax, and a United States citizen that understands hemp is our right under the federal farm bill.

Marisa Torres

Self

Houston, TX

Strongly opposed

Jill Bird

Self

Weatherford, TX

Please consider the economic impact this bill would have on the state. Not to mention the fact that we lose valuable tax dollars to other states who have legalized marijuana. Stop making this a moral thing, as it is less harmful than alcohol, pharmaceuticals, and cigarettes! I know of many people who receive medicinal benefits from this and their lives will be in shambles if this is taken away. Why would you take away someone's ability to get enough pain relief so that they can function. Texas should fully legalize marijuana, so that it can be regulated and taxed appropriately.

sandra spades

Moderne Primitives LLC

Texarkana, TX

This bill is contradictory to the freedom of Texans to choose legal hemp-derived products. Texas adults should be able to utilize safe, hemp-derived products at their discretion. This bill takes away the autonomy and freedom of Texas adults. These products are safe. No study has ever shown that there is a limited margin of safety with hemp-derived THC products, or any THC product. Shops need to make sure they are IDing customers and that needs to be enforced, just like alcohol. I oppose SB3
Sandra Spades

Connor Carlton

Self

Abilene, TX

VOTE NO! This would destroy hundreds of small businesses!

Fred Mcdonough

Self

Galveston, TX

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I urge you to stand with your constituents and vote NO on HB 28.

JT Street

Self, manager

ROUND ROCK, TX

This bill is bad for business and bad for Texans. These products need to be legal. Prohibition only creates more problems. CBD and THC products are far less problematic than alcohol. They offer meaningful non-opioid alternatives for sufferers of chronic pain. They spur small businesses.

Do right by Texans and end the drug war. It hurts families and does nothing to improve public safety. In fact, it puts people MORE at risk for black market drugs laced with fentanyl.

End this insanity. Vote no on SB3.

Heather Cox

Self

Austin, TX

Let's move forward with regulation ! Don't give money to the illicit market

Marcus Foust, Mr.

Self-cattle hand

Lipan, TX

This will be a major disservice to potentially millions of Texas citizens. The current medical marijuana program in this state is an absolute joke and by limiting these products you are hurting your own citizen's ability to treat ailments that these products relieve. Has anyone died as a result of these products? I highly doubt it.

Jacob Moses
Self - Sales
San Antonio, TX

Please Vote No!!

I do not want to take prescription medication that makes me sick. Cannabis is vital to my ability to live a normal life! These are products that are legal across the United States. Please don't take away something. The citizens of your state want, and the businesses of your state depend on.

Jackie Oliver
self
Kaufman, TX

WE THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THIS BAN. LEGALIZE THC IF DELTA IS SO SCARY.

Hiten Patel
American Shaman
Georgetown, TX

VOTE JO

Konstantinos Mavrikos
Self; Retired
Richardson, TX

Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) represents a harmful overreach that undermines the rights of individuals and disrupts the balance of power within our communities. By pushing for unnecessary and intrusive changes, SB 3 disregards the voices of those who will be most affected and imposes sweeping regulations without addressing the root causes of the issues it claims to solve. I strongly oppose this bill.

Alex Fulbright
Alpha Brands
Pflugerville, TX

This bill will harm veterans, people with multiple ailments looking for non pharmaceuticals. As well as cripple an industry and unemploy hundreds of thousands of people. In these hard economic times that is a cold action.

Brett Boyce
Self
Soring, TX
Needs to be legal

Erica Mechah
Elevated Trading, LLC
Dallas, TX

I oppose this bill because my livelihood depends on it. I am an employee of Elevated Trading. Hemp has increased the health of Texas' economy by astronomical value, and I am one of the 50,000+ people that will lose their careers if this bill passes. I implore the house to agree on regulation, not elimination.

Rebecca Weimer

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose SB 3 by Perry. Cannabis has medicinal qualities, and when regulated appropriately, people can find relief beyond pharmaceuticals. It is a natural plant that should not be restricted by law for public, adult use.

Amy Ables

self business owner

Lampasas, TX

I do not support this bill!

Erika Taylor

US Veteran spouse

San Antonio, TX

My husband is a US Veteran who suffers from several mental health disorders. He uses hemp derived gummies to help him with his mental health. Please do not ban hemp derived products!

Kaleigh Gallagher

Self/Hemp Industry Employee

Dallas, TX

Hello my name is Kaleigh Gallagher and I am writing this comment to OPPOSE SB3. I am a 22 year old hard working employee in the Texas Legal Hemp Industry. I see customers daily who tell me of their struggles that having safe access to legal hemp products helps alleviate. It provides pain relief, sleep aid, anxiety relief, and can even help regulate depression symptoms. One of our regular customers, a retired Marine Veteran, told me that legal hemp products are the only things that help him feel like a normal person at the end of the day. They help him actually sleep and alleviate some of the lingering pain that comes from bravely serving our country and giving a big part of himself for all of us.

I strongly encourage you to VOTE NO on SB3 as it has direct impacts on life as a resident in this state. I am over 21 years of age and am a legal consumer of hemp in this state. This bill will impact not only my career, but my livelihood as a resident in this state. In my case, I currently work on commission which would greatly affect my paychecks and ability to pay bills if the bill is passed. I depend on this income to keep my dogs and I fed and a roof over our heads. For others, they would lose their jobs completely. Thousands and thousands of jobs would be destroyed, the thriving hemp industry in Texas would vanish or move states, and your residents would lose safe access to legal hemp. Again PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB3.

Jennifer Drake
Self
Friendswood, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3 due to its severe consequences for individuals like me who rely on hemp-derived THC for medical relief. As a patient with only half of my small intestine remaining, I must utilize every available treatment option to maintain my quality of life. This bill, which criminalizes and restricts access to hemp-based THC, directly threatens my health by eliminating a critical non-opioid treatment that allows me to function. The small intestine plays a crucial role in digestion, and individuals who have undergone extensive resection often experience short bowel syndrome (SBS). SBS leads to chronic diarrhea, malabsorption, dehydration, and frequent nighttime bathroom trips, disrupting sleep and overall health. According to the NIDDK, SBS requires careful management, dietary adjustments and pharmacological interventions. The American Journal of Gastroenterology has highlighted the effectiveness of cannabinoids in treating gastrointestinal disorders by slowing intestinal motility, reducing diarrhea, and improving nutrient absorption. Hemp-derived THC enables me to sleep through the night without constant interruptions. Unlike opioids, which carry risks of addiction and cognitive impairment, hemp-based THC provides effective relief without dangerous side effects. With limited treatment options in Texas, opioids remain one of the only legal pharmaceutical alternatives. However, research overwhelmingly supports the dangers of opioid use, particularly for chronic conditions. The CDC reports that prolonged opioid use increases the risk of dependency and overdose. A study in the JAMA found that opioid-related deaths continue to rise, particularly in states where patients lack safer alternatives like medical cannabis. The NIH states that long-term opioid use can cause cognitive decline, respiratory depression, and worsened gastrointestinal motility. Forcing patients into opioid dependence while restricting safer alternatives is appalling. Despite cannabis' medical benefits, Texas has one of the most restrictive medical marijuana programs in the country. Under current law, I do not qualify for medical marijuana despite having a debilitating condition. SB 3 would worsen this injustice. By further criminalizing hemp-derived THC, SB 3 would remove a critical, non-opioid treatment option that has allowed me to manage my symptoms effectively, force me into reliance on opioids, increasing addiction risks and serious side effects, and denying me autonomy in choosing my medical treatments. SB 3 ignores research supporting cannabinoids' efficacy, thereby turning me into a criminal for choosing a safer alternative. SB 3 attacks the health and well-being of individuals who rely on hemp-derived THC for relief. I should not have to choose between breaking the law and unnecessary pain. I urge Texas legislators to prioritize science, compassion, and patient autonomy over punitive drug policies. For many of us, hemp-derived THC is not about recreation, it is about survival.

Samuel Arney
4Twenty Bookkeeping
Lewisville, TX

I am appose to this bill as it not inline with current knowledge of what Cannabinoids can do for those who suffer from a number of ailments that the medical industry has no answer for.

dale Barlitt
Self disabled
Pasadena, TX

I'm disabled and keeps me from consuming Alcohol

Fleetwood Hicks
Self
Dallas, TX

With all due respect, use of consumable hemp/cbd is far less toxic and damaging than alcohol or tobacco and is proven to be a healing aid for numerous medical issues with little side affects..I strongly oppose banning or making this unavailable to the public. Makes NO sense.

Clara Trowbridge
Self/smoke shop employee
Austin, TX

SB3 will not only end thousands of Texan jobs, but it will also hurt local businesses. I manage a locally owned smoke shop and we are a hard working bunch of people. We can't afford healthcare. THCa has been an easily accessible form of anxiety relief for many people. I hear stories from veterans, recovering addicts, parents of kids with low functioning autism, grandparents, moms and dads, every day! And they tell me how much they benefit from these products. My job relies on these products as well! I will no longer be able to pay my bills. I'm terrified for the effects this bill will have, not only on Texas, but on individuals as well. Texans are hurting. I don't have a plan B. I've been managing this store for going on 4 years now, it's been a stable source of income for me. I know my boss won't be able to pay us if these bills get passed. My life as well as thousands of others will quite literally explode in my face, and I don't think that's fair that Dan Patrick got to decide that when hundreds of thousands of Texans are screaming that they DONT want this. Read the comments on Dan Patrick's instagram account, nobody wants these bills! Nobody is even fighting in the comments because everyone agrees, we don't need this! The pros majorly outweigh the cons. Too many people benefit from these products! I'm literally begging you, please do not pass these bills. My livelihood and thousands of others depend on the decision you make on Monday. Please really think about if you want that weight on your shoulders.

Cascidy Ford, Pfc
Self
Georgetown, TX

As a veteran, I urge you to reconsider the proposed ban on THCA and instead implement restrictions that allow for its responsible use. THCA has shown significant potential benefits, particularly for individuals like myself who may be dealing with chronic pain, anxiety, or other health issues stemming from service-related experiences. Banning THCA altogether would deny access to a natural remedy that can improve quality of life for many veterans and others in need.

Rather than an outright ban, establishing age and usage regulations can ensure that THCA is used safely and responsibly. This would allow those who can benefit from it to access it while minimizing the risks associated with misuse. By putting restrictions in place, we can promote responsible consumption and safeguard public health without depriving individuals of the therapeutic advantages that THCA offers. Let's focus on regulation, not prohibition, to support the well-being of our communities, especially those who have served our country.

Harrison Alford
Self, cook
Austin, TX

I strongly oppose this regressive bill, this will hurt hundreds of thousands of Texans

Ashley Tredway, Miss
Self Sales Associate
Dallas, TX

I do not believe that the Texas compassionate use program is going to be helpful because it's going to limit my choices. It's expensive and it's inconvenient. This program is a state sanctioned monopoly on the hemp programs in Texas.

I used hemp products for a variety of reasons mostly I am using it to eat and sleep and help with my anxiety, but there are so many other things that it helps with.

Our state legislator has no right depriving us of access to natural products.

The hemp industry is already federally and state legal and regulated by the Texas Department of state health services. I as an American believe that it is our personal responsibility of freedom to oppose this bill. There are no products that work as well as hemp does for me and no one has die from hemp products. There is no studies that show hemp is a addictive compound.

Not only does this affect me, but it will affect your programs you will lose at least \$764 million in state sales tax not only that, the cost for unemployment assistance for the 53,000 jobs lost will skyrocket.

I hope you took the time to read the words that I've written if not, then we know that we've elected the wrong officials.

Susan Duval, Ms

Self

Dallas, TX

Hello my name is Susan, I'm 56 years old and experience chronic pain every day. I was addicted to opioid pain medication for 17 years, until I discovered Hemp/THC Products. I've been clean of opioids for 8 years and my quality of life has improved with the help of Consumable Hemp/THC Products.

I'm a trauma survivor and have been diagnosed with clinical depression, PTSD, and ADHD. I have adverse reactions to traditional antidepressants/anxiety medications, so I rely on Hemp/THC Products to maintain my mental health.

I don't use tobacco, drink alcohol or use any illicit drugs, so if the state of Texas passes the THC ban, I WILL be leaving Texas as soon as possible.

Mia Banda

Self

Austin, TX

If Texas bans hemp-derived cannabinoids, it could take a big hit—maybe losing over \$10 billion in economic activity, thousands of jobs, and billions in wages. Keeping them legal might be the better move for the economy.

Michael Gandy

Self Retired Carpenter

Detroit, TX

It is time for our Texas representatives to stand up for Texas and Texans and end this horrific and archaic battle against cannabis/hemp. Texans want this. Texans need this. It is time for Texas to come out of the dark ages concerning these plants and fight for Texas/Texans, and stop fighting against them. Both cannabis and hemp plants have literally hundreds of positive uses. From medicine and manufacturing to food and fiber, these plants have a powerful history of helping, not harming their users. For our great State, the legalization and regulation of these plants would produce thousands of jobs for Texans and billions of dollars of tax revenue for Texas. I believe that revenue would surpass what is currently being brought in by alcohol and tobacco in a matter of months. I urge our representatives to stand up for Texas and strike down further attempts to ban these plants/products that currently help so many Texans. I urge our representatives to reach out to states that have embraced medicinal/recreational/industrial cannabis/hemp policies and find out what Texas/Texans are missing out on. I urge our representatives to look into the history of cannabis/hemp prohibition, which was put into place solely by false information and scare tactics with no actual basis in reality. Look into fatality rates concerning alcohol, tobacco and cannabis/hemp. The difference in those rates, especially between alcohol and cannabis/hemp are astounding, yet alcohol remains legal while these plants that do virtually no harm and only help it's/their users remain misclassified and illegal. Our elected officials in Texas have the power to change this. Texas wants this. Texans need this. It is time for our representatives to stand up and do right for Texas/Texans and vote against any bans and vote for deregulation/legalization of cannabis/hemp products. I believe these plants are truly a gift from God and if you look at the list of positive attributes of each, you would/should certainly agree. I urge you once again to do what is right for our great State and the people of Texas. Thank You for your time.

Joyce Smith

SB3

San Antonio, TX

Vote NO on SB 3 and HB 28

BRYAN SCHMIDT, MR

SELF, I AM REPRESENTING THE HEMP INDUSTRY AS A HEMP FARMER AND RETAIL HEMP BUSINESS OWNER.
ABILENE, TX

EL JEFE HEMP COMPANY LLC

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April 3, 2025

Dear Esteemed Members of the Texas House of Representatives,

As the proud owner of EL JEFE HEMP COMPANY LLC in ABILENE, Texas, I am compelled to write in opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB 3), which passed the Texas Senate on March 19, 2025. This legislation, proposing a complete ban on consumable THC products, endangers my small business, threatens the livelihoods of my employees, and undermines the economic fabric of our state. I respectfully ask you to reject this drastic measure and seek a solution that balances safety with the survival of legitimate enterprises like mine.

Since opening [number] years ago, my business has thrived by offering hemp-derived products with less than 0.3% DELTA 9 THC, fully compliant with Texas law since 2019. These items have become a lifeline for customers—many of whom are elderly or veterans—seeking relief from ailments like insomnia or joint pain without turning to heavy pharmaceuticals. My wife, local suppliers, and I have built a sustainable operation that fuels our community's economy. SB 3 would dismantle this, leaving us with nothing.

The financial toll of this bill would be catastrophic. Experts predict tens of thousands of jobs lost statewide, alongside a massive hit to tax revenue. For me, it's personal: closing my doors means laying off my team and defaulting on commitments to Texas and some out of state vendors. The domino effect would strain agriculture, retail, and even property markets as businesses like mine falter. Why cripple a lawful industry when the state could instead refine its rules to address specific concerns?

I understand the intent behind SB 3—to shield Texans, especially kids, from unsafe products. I'm all in for that. Stronger age checks, better packaging standards, and targeting shady dealers make sense. But a total ban? That's a blunt tool that punishes the compliant while letting the real culprits slip into the shadows. My products are tested, labeled, and tracked—yet SB 3 will treat me like a criminal. Meanwhile, an outright prohibition risks fueling a black market, where no rules apply and danger thrives.

This isn't just about my bottom line. It's about the people I serve—Texans who deserve options, not mandates. A ban would strip them of a resource they trust, pushing them toward costlier or riskier alternatives. We can protect public health without torching an industry that's proven its value. Focus on enforcement and oversight, not obliteration.

I urge you to vote against SB 3. Let's build a Texas where small businesses like mine can flourish alongside smart, targeted regulations—not perish under a misguided blanket ban.

Respectfully,

BRYAN CODY SCHMIDT

Owner, EL JEFE HEMP COMPANY LLC

Micheal Beard
Self / Sales Associate
Midland, TX

I oppose these bills and rely on these products; i will not reelect supporters of SB3& HB28. I support the legalization of Hemp and THC products.

Evan Wright
Self
Kyle, TX

Dear Members of the Texas House,

My name is Evan Wright, and I am a 28-year-old lifelong Texan who has testified multiple times in support of Second Amendment bills, including the permitless carry bill that was successfully passed. I am actively involved with organizations such as YAFL, GOA, NAGR, and other conservative activist groups that advocate for freedom.

Although I do not personally use hemp or THC products, I strongly believe that my fellow Texans should not face such heavy-handed restrictions on their access to these products. At the national level, there is ongoing discussion about reclassifying THC products to allow for further research, and I fully support former Governor Rick Perry's efforts to explore alternative, naturally derived treatments such as ibogaine. Passing overly restrictive regulations on a growing sector—one that is gaining national support—risks putting Texas behind in both medical research and economic development.

I urge the Texas House to vote no on SB3. This session has already made strides by advancing school vouchers to improve our children's education, and the next major legislative priority should be eliminating property taxes to ensure Texans can truly own their homes without effectively renting from the government. Passing SB3 would have long-term political consequences in the Texas House, as it has already sparked conversations among younger Texans—including many of my left-leaning friends—about state politics and civic engagement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Evan wright

Francine Hunt
Self
Montgomery, TX

I oppose the passing of this bill.

Jessica Vasquez
Self
Kyle, TX

Please do not support this bill.

MD Shakwath Hossain, Mr

Self

Humble, TX

For the longest time, I lived in pain—both physically and mentally. Every morning felt like waking up with weights strapped to my body. My joints ached, my energy was low, and a cloud of anxiety followed me everywhere. I tried everything: prescription meds, therapy, supplements, even lifestyle changes. Some helped a little, most didn't help at all. I felt like I was running out of options.

Then I stumbled upon THCA.

At first, I didn't pay much attention. I thought it was just another cannabis-related compound, something people hyped up but didn't really work. I knew about THC and CBD, but THCA? That was new to me. Still, something about it caught my interest—maybe because it wasn't psychoactive and seemed more natural in its raw form. I decided to try it, not expecting much.

I started with a simple cold-pressed tincture. A few drops under my tongue each morning. That first week, I didn't feel anything major. But there was a shift—subtle, yet undeniable. My mornings felt a bit lighter. The stiffness that used to take hours to wear off eased in half the time. My anxiety wasn't gone, but it wasn't screaming at me anymore either.

As the days turned into weeks, the changes built up. My pain became more manageable. I didn't dread waking up anymore. I began moving more, sleeping better, and even smiling more. I added raw cannabis smoothies to my routine and occasionally used THCA-infused topicals for sore areas. The results were consistent—and more importantly, sustainable.

One of the biggest things THCA gave me was clarity. I didn't feel foggy or disconnected. Unlike traditional medications that dulled everything—including my personality—THCA let me stay present. It helped me feel like me again.

Beyond the physical relief, it gave me emotional breathing room. I started reconnecting with people I had pushed away. I had the energy to make plans—and actually follow through. I even picked up old hobbies I thought I'd lost forever.

THCA didn't just reduce my symptoms—it restored my sense of control. It gave me back the version of myself that I thought was gone for good.

I know it's not a miracle cure, and it may not work the same for everyone. But for me, THCA was a game-changer. It helped me heal, not just in my body, but in my mind and soul. And for that, I'll always be grateful.

Jean Broderick

Self

Austin, TX

Strongly oppose

Vansh Diwan

Self/Alpha Brands

Houston, TX

I oppose SB 3 because the hemp industry provides a natural and effective alternative to pharmaceuticals, giving people real options for how they choose to medicate. Beyond its medical benefits, this bill threatens the livelihood of thousands of hardworking Texans whose jobs depend on this growing industry.

SB 3 would not only harm public health and employment, but it would also strip millions in tax revenue from the state. The hemp industry contributes significantly to the Texas economy through sales taxes, licensing fees, and local business development. Shutting it down would mean less funding for schools, infrastructure, and essential public services.

This bill hurts our communities on every level—health, jobs, and the economy. I urge lawmakers to stand with Texas workers, small businesses, and patients by voting NO on SB 3

Glenn Howard
Self - Videography
Austin, TX

Dear Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3).

My name is Glenn Howard. I'm a freelance videographer based in Austin, Texas, with a focus on educating consumers about hemp—specifically, the safe and beneficial use of dry herb vaporizers. Beyond creating my own educational content, I also work with hemp businesses across the state to help them share their stories, connect with customers, and grow responsibly.

I am also on the Autism Spectrum. For years, I dealt with intense anxiety and sensory overstimulation that made daily life overwhelming. I was prescribed Prozac, but it came with side effects that added new challenges to my well-being. After a long personal journey of research, consultation, and trial, I found that using hemp flower—specifically strains containing THCa, CBD, and CBG—helped me manage my symptoms more effectively and with far fewer side effects.

Thanks to the use of dry herb vaporizers, I'm able to get the support I need without resorting to combustion or synthetic substances. This plant has helped me gain more control over my environment, reduce anxiety, and maintain the focus I need to do my work and live a full, independent life. Hemp is a critical part of my wellness and daily functionality.

SB3 puts that access at risk. This bill threatens to ban or heavily restrict products that thousands of Texans like me use responsibly and legally. It would not only interfere with my personal health choices but also jeopardize my livelihood. Many of my clients are small, family-owned hemp businesses right here in Texas. These businesses have invested in compliance, testing, and community education. They're not fly-by-night operations—they're local, tax-paying enterprises working to build something sustainable and transparent.

Instead of outright bans, I urge the committee to consider more balanced, practical solutions that protect public safety while preserving access for responsible adults. Common-sense measures like mandatory ID checks, secure storage policies, and the use of lock bags—similar to those used in other states for dispensary purchases—can help prevent misuse while ensuring that consumers like me can continue accessing the products we rely on.

Hemp has changed my life for the better. It allows me to manage my mental health in a way that pharmaceuticals could not. It enables me to work, to contribute to my community, and to support myself as a neurodivergent adult in a complex world.

Please do not take that away.

Thank you again for your time and for considering my testimony. I respectfully urge you to oppose SB3 and support policies that regulate responsibly without stripping Texans of access to safe, effective, and federally legal hemp products.

Sincerely,
Glenn Howard
Freelance Videographer | Hemp Advocate
Austin, TX

Ben Hewatt
Self
Abilene, TX

I am AGAINST SB 3. As a resident in Texas I want my representatives to vote NO.

Alexia Villazana
Self
Eagle Pass, TX

Zach Stevens, I oppose SB3 and HB28

Myseld

Round Rock, TX

I oppose this bill. It would ruin many texas companies, growers and cost the state over 700 million dollars in unemployment and lost tax revenue

Mia Solorzano

Doobies hemp co

Eagle pass, TX

It helps with my ptsd and anxiety

Dianna Cox

Self

Clear Lake Shores, TX

Keep hemp thc and delta 9 legal in Texas. As a senior citizen, these hemp derived thc products help my osteoarthritis and anxiety issues far more controlled than any medication that has been prescribed to me for these issues. Additionally, the tax revenue generated from these products is money Texas cannot afford to lose. These funds could help fund public education and infrastructure projects in Texas, which are both desperately needed. Surrounding states are ready to take this money like they do due to gambling prohibitions.

Timothy Austin

Self

Houston, TX

Opposed. This is a bad bill. It turns law abiding citizens into criminals for no good purpose.

Sergio Borja

Self

Eagle pass, TX

I choose to oppose those bill.

Max Marschark

Self

AUSTIN, TX

I oppose

Kathryn Boyd

Self

Pointblank, TX

Please do not ban these products. They help many people. If we could get cannabis legal in Texas it would help a lot of people. It's medical benefits are proven. Big pharma doesn't want it legal because they push medications with tons of side effects. I live with a lot of chronic pain and would benefit greatly with prescribed cannabis, I believe. I don't take pain medication because of its horrible side effects. Thank you for your consideration!

Shakeel Wafa, Owner

Hi Smoke Shop

Austin, TX

Testimonial Statement by Shakeel Wafa, Co-Owner of Hi Smoke Shop

My name is Shakeel Wafa, and I am the co-owner of Hi Smoke Shop in South Austin. We sell legal hemp products in our store, and over time, I've had many conversations with our regular customers. They've shared with me that they use these hemp products to manage anxiety, pain, and sleep issues. These are real, everyday people who rely on these products for their well-being.

Personally, I also use hemp products to manage my anxiety after trying several prescriptions from doctors that didn't work for me. Hemp has been a crucial part of my life and the lives of many others in our community.

I opened our smoke shop about a year ago, and it's been a tough road. I'm currently in \$20,000 of personal debt and still paying off a \$30,000 business loan with minimum payments. My business partner is also dealing with a large loan. Right now, our shop is barely making enough to cover daily expenses, it's a small business.

We pay roughly \$4,000 in sales tax every month, and we're proud to be a part of Texas' economy. However, the proposed bills SB3 and HB28 threaten everything we've worked for. These bills would ban hemp products, which would devastate a multi-million-dollar industry here in Texas. If these bills pass, many small businesses like mine will be forced to close. The state will lose millions of dollars in sales tax revenue, and the reality is that these products will still be sold on the streets, leading to an increase in crime. Who will be held responsible when that happens?

I strongly oppose these bills. The hemp industry is vital to many Texans, both as a business and as a source of relief for those in need. I urge lawmakers to create regulations that are fair and sensible, and that allow Texans to continue benefiting from hemp products legally.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kylie Mavrikos

Self; Event Marketing Manager

Wylie, TX

Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) represents a harmful overreach that undermines the rights of individuals and disrupts the balance of power within our communities. By pushing for unnecessary and intrusive changes, SB 3 disregards the voices of those who will be most affected and imposes sweeping regulations without addressing the root causes of the issues it claims to solve. I strongly oppose this bill.

Jose Perez

Self

Eagle pass, TX

Keep hemp in Texas

Rafael Olivares

Doobies hemp co

Eagle Pass, TX

Helps me with my lack of focus

Danielle Lazar

American shaman

Frisco, TX

Oppose

Connie Beseda

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I wanna smoke weed for pain and medical reason

ALI SHAN ASLAM

Bahama Mama

Rosenberg, TX

Cbd is a life changer for a large community in Texas. It has helped people with anxiety, sleeping disorders as well as pain management. Banning it will impact the lives of all those people consuming it and will have a direct impact on those people's life

Rachel Van Middlesworth

Self

Austin, TX

This goes too far, and will just drive customers to the black market instead of allowing small local businesses to generate taxable revenue.

Ibrahim AlHindi

Self

Richmond, TX

Opposing the banning of CBD

Diana Carrera

Chillax CBD

Round Rock, TX

Please vote no to SB3. My family uses CBD and hemp products as the only way to effectively treat pain and anxiety.

Christopher Mospaw

self, Project Manager

New Braunfels, TX

I am AGAINST this bill. It is an overreach that will make legal and harmless product unavailable. It's unnecessary because other products are already illegal. Kindly stop trying to legislate everything you don't like.

KYLE RUIZ

Kyle Ruiz

HELOTES, TX

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Quayle Ghani, Mr

Bahma mama

Houston, TX

As an owner I am here to make sure we can move forward and help all of our customers to oppose this bill for all people that use this to help w illnesses. As an owner of a retail shop Brahman mama in Houston this retail stores has helped has changed my life and took me from a retail worker to a persona that is taking care of about 40 families.

JEannette Rodriguez

self

El Paso, TX

I suffer from chronic pain and have moved off big pharma, taking away access from hemp products will hurt more people than you know and is greatly needed, please DO NOT ban in Texas

Ashmal Abhavani, OWNER

BAHAMA MAMA

Richmond, TX

We oppose SB3

John Edwards

Self

College Station, TX

Hemp plants were legalized federally in 2020 vote no against SB3 Manning all legal hemp products in Texas is ludicrous and it's going backwards to the Stone age. Cannabis has become a great medication in a hundred different ways.... Prohibiting the sale of legal hemp products at 3% THC is ludicrous insanity and udder stupidity

Patrick Adams, Mr.

Self

Austin, TX

My name is Patrick Adams and I am a Texas resident. I oppose HB28 as it will limit my access to products I rely upon for my daily well being. If you care about public safety, regulate, do not prohibit. I find it very important to remind the members of this committee and public officials or servants, that support of either HB28 or SB3 will damage your ability to be re-elected. We the people, will not tolerate this nonsense.

Seirra Wahrer

Self

Gladewater, TX

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Caleb Smith
Self
Henderson, TX

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Nicole Schubnell
The Haze Connect
Austin, TX

Please don't take away my job

Hafeez Padani
Bahama Mama
Houston, TX

We oppose this bill!

Anna Whitney
Self - technical writer
Austin, TX

Please do not pass this bill. It will only have negative effects on public health, especially on people that have chronic pain and anxiety. These substances are medicinal for these people. Please do not take them away.

David Fraser
Self
Tomball, TX

This will effectively shut down an entire industry, numerous small businesses that are already struggling no thanks to government incompetence and deprive hundreds of thousands of Texans looking for non pharmaceutical alternatives for their healthcare. Good luck in the next primary for any rep who votes for this bill.

Will Lyles
self
Weatherford, TX

Good morning, I am writing to you not only as a lifelong Republican and active voter in the state of Texas, but as someone who cares deeply about the health and freedom of my fellow Texans. I strongly believe it is time for Texas to move forward with the full legalization of THC.

For many years, I have supported conservative values such as personal responsibility, limited government, and individual liberty. Legalizing THC aligns with these principles. Adults should have the freedom to make informed decisions about their own health and well-being, without excessive government interference.

In particular, THC has shown promising benefits in addressing mental health conditions like anxiety and depression—conditions that affect millions of Texans, including people close to me. Unlike many over-the-counter and prescription drugs, which often come with a long list of side effects or the risk of dependency, THC can provide natural relief without the same harmful consequences.

I am not advocating for reckless use. I am advocating for compassionate, evidence-based policy that gives people access to another option—one that is already legal in many other states, including some with strong conservative values. We can regulate it, tax it, and use those funds to invest in public safety, education, and mental health resources.

It's time for Texas to lead—not lag behind—on this issue. I hope you will consider supporting legislation that makes access to THC legal, safe, and regulated for adults in our state.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community.

Sincerely,
Will Lyles
Lifelong Republican & Active Texas Voter

Barbara Beard
Blissful Waters Float Center
Tomball, TX

Keep all cbd, xbg, d9 legal.in texas . Eating a cbd, cbg 7mg thc gummy helps me eat and be pain free

Savannah Mckittrick
Faeva Faded LLC
Victoria, TX

I strongly oppose this bill on the ban of thc derived products

Brandon Tijerina
ATX Organics
Buda, TX

I am firmly against SB3! It will destroy a thriving industry and put thousands out of work! It will put us back to prohibition. What we need is simple regulation not flat out criminalization. Also not to limit us to just a few cannabinoids and to allow us to produce in all consumption methods.

Lauren Bridges
Self business owner
Longview, TX

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lauren Bridges. I'm a lifelong Texan, a mother, and a small business owner in Longview. I've spent the last 16 years behind the chair as a hairstylist, and what started as a passion for cosmetic chemistry led me to earn degrees in biochemistry and cannabis science and operations from Saint Louis University. I now run a licensed hemp boutique in my salon space, I serve on the executive board of the Texas CannaMom Collective, and I use the knowledge I've learned to help members of my community who are looking for safer wellness alternatives.

I'm here to express strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28.

These bills would take away access to federally legal, hemp-derived products that thousands of Texans—veterans, parents, and everyday people like your constituents, friends and family—use to support their well-being. Many have found relief from sleep issues, anxiety, or chronic discomfort, and some have avoided becoming dependent on prescription drugs and have lessened their dependency on alcohol. These products have made a real difference in people's lives—and removing them won't eliminate demand, it will just remove safety.

These proposed carve-outs for isolated compounds, while banning full-spectrum plant products, are not a fair compromise. As someone who uses these products myself, I can tell you: isolates don't work the same. For many of us, it's the full spectrum of naturally occurring compounds—working together—that makes these products effective. We deserve the freedom to choose what works best for our own bodies.

Instead of getting tested, traceable products from licensed shops that check ID and follow safety protocols, Texans will be pushed toward unregulated sources—with no verification, no labeling, and no oversight. That's a very real and very urgent public health concern.

And worse, these bills would criminalize Texans for using and selling federally legal products. People who are following the rules, supporting their families, and choosing plant-based wellness would suddenly become criminals in their own state.

This isn't just about business, but the impact is real. Small, local businesses like mine would be wiped out overnight. And we all have to acknowledge that the demand isn't going away—it's just being handed over to the illicit market.

We support 21+ age limits. We support smart regulation. But an outright ban would hurt our communities, harm public health, and eliminate legal choices that are helping real Texans daily.

Please vote no on SB 3 and HB 28. Let Texans continue to make informed, responsible decisions for themselves and their families. And remember that a ban on any of these hemp products won't decrease the demand- please help us keep safe access to hemp in Texas!

Thank you for your time.

Waqar Ali
Self, retail manager
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill.

Mir Mugheri
Self, retail owner
Stafford, TX

I'm the owner off currently 2 smoke shops and I'm here for my rights and here for mercy and I oppose this bill

Tyrus Sommer

Bahama mama

Spring, TX

Oppose SB3. This bill will create a black market like no other

Ali Chandio

Self, retail employee

Houston, TX

I oppose this bill

Isreal Cortez

faevafadedllc

Victoria, TX

The proposed ban on THC directly contradicts the fundamental laws of supply and demand. By artificially restricting the legal supply of a product with relatively inelastic demand, the ban will not eliminate its use. Instead, it will create a vacuum that the black market, including cartels and other criminal elements, will eagerly fill. These illicit actors will profit from the increased prices caused by the limited supply, and consumers will be forced into a dangerous, unregulated market.

In contrast, regulation offers a pragmatic solution. By establishing a legal and controlled supply chain, the state can meet existing demand, implement quality control, enforce age restrictions, and generate tax revenue – all while simultaneously undercutting the profitability and appeal of the black market."

Juan Vasquez

The hemp industry .

Corpus Christi, TX

This bill will be taking away safe access to medicine and products meant for those ADULTS who need it and put the money back in the hands of the illegal markets. There should absolutely be age regulations on it . But taking it away from us is absolutely absurd and would be taking a giant step backwards into more ignorant times. We should be like the rest of the states and see the good this has done for us as a state and as consumers and medical patients. Thank you for your time have a great day.

Rhett Stringer, Mr

Self

Waller, TX

I am fully against this

Robert Garcia, CEO

555

Austin, TX

Needs modification

Nafiz Hossain

Self

Ft Worth, TX

Consumable hemp products are very beneficial to my health. I have genetic high blood pressure and it is the only suitable substitute I have found to pharmaceutical drugs to control my blood pressure. Pharmaceutical drugs have adverse effects on my health causing my kidneys and liver to deteriorate. Consumable hemp has no adverse effects on my health. Not just that, but consumable hemp is something that helps other members of my family and friends, whether it be with sleep, pain, or anxiety. Consumable hemp has also brought job opportunities to my community and family. I highly oppose a ban on consumable hemp. It will destroy my community and force people out of jobs and force them to find other alternatives that may be much harmful. If consumable hemp is banned, I will have to find alternatives for my health as well, which may not be the safest product for my health. I also highly oppose a ban which will in effect take away my right to choose what I consume and force me to find alternatives.

Ghazal Bombaywala

Bahama mama

Sugar Land, TX

The industry is more than just hemp.. it helps with pain relief and many other things

Mohamed Karray

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I disagree and oppose this bill ; that will distroy alot of families

Jessica Russell

Self - thca salesperson

New Braunfels, TX

I strongly disagree with passing this bill to ban THCA, due to my health needs and need for thca, D9 & D8. It is imperative that I am able to purchase it in my home state as it is the only medicine that helps me with my pain, depression, anxiety and sleep. Please do not do this. It is also my occupation and I would lose my job if this bill was to pass.

Jadynn Colwell

Rock N Roll It Smoke Shop

Spurger, TX

I vote NO for SB 3!

Kristian Brian

Self/Euphoria Botanical LLC

Kilgore, TX

We are opposed to SB3 bill it will cause more harm than good, do the research and regulating. Please reconsider rescheduling and investing in the research.

Thank you

Jordyn Christenson

Rock N' Roll It

Conroe, TX

No for SB 3!

Sebastian Sandoval
Gruene Botanicals
Austin, TX

SB3 would not only be a detrimental bill to the evolving recreational hemp industry, but also the medicinal everyday lives of many veterans. 1 and 10 veterans use some form of THC on the daily to help aid with PTSD, pain, anxiety, and the overall wellness of their daily lives. I oppose SB3 and Perry's negative view on the beautiful healing plant that is hemp.

Austin Schusler
Rock N Roll It
Conroe, TX

I oppose the passing of this proposed bill. If this bill should pass it will do far much more harm than good. It will potentially create a black market for these products instead of ensuring safe production through regulation and oversight. This bill would criminalize citizens for doing nothing criminal.

Sadat Sami
Self
Spring, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3. This bill would unfairly restrict access to legal hemp-derived products that many Texans use for wellness and relief. Small businesses and responsible adult consumers should not be punished due to overregulation. We need smart regulation, not a ban that hurts veterans, patients, and local economies.

Joseph Daniels
self
Austin, TX

This bill would destroy 50,000 Texan jobs, including my own, that supports my family. This bill is not the will of Texas voters who are in favor of regulating these products and keeping them legal

Fisnik Guri
Bahama Mama / Ropeace
Austin, TX

I stand here today not just as a business owner, but as a member of a community that will be directly impacted by SB3. This bill, if passed, will not only affect my family's livelihood, but the livelihoods of thousands of hardworking Texans who depend on this industry to support themselves and their families. We're talking about jobs—real people—who will be left without a source of income, increasing unemployment not only across Texas but on a national level.

Our customers don't just come in for products—they come in for help. To us, they are no different than patients are to doctors. Many of them deal with chronic pain, sleep disorders, anxiety, and stress. Time and time again, they've come back to thank us for giving them a better quality of life. This isn't just commerce—it's care.

We absolutely support stronger regulation and accountability within the industry. We want to see it thrive responsibly. But banning all hemp-derived THC products would be a devastating move for the people who rely on them daily for relief and balance. Please, for the families, the employees, and the countless individuals who view this as medicine—reconsider SB3.

Thank you.

Rebecca Singleton, Mrs.

Self - Customer Service Representative

Austin, TX

My name is Rebecca Singleton, I'm a 33 year old 3rd generation Austinite. My father and uncle are in the Texas prison system and My cousin recently passed away due to a fentanyl overdose. That is to say, I am no stranger to mental health issues, addiction, and death from addiction. January of 2023 I found myself looking at a bottle of Xanax next to a bottle of Kolonopin (both prescribed to me) and thinking I could end my pain now. I could end the depression, the struggle with my weight, the anxiety, the chronic gut pain, my diabetes. Everything. I admitted myself to Shoal Creek. That year, I struggled sticking to a job and found myself making rash decisions that did not benefit me. All of this was without the influence of THC products. I found myself rationing my prescribed medications because I feared addiction but also, I could not function and work after taking the aforementioned medication during my almost daily panic attacks. The person I was working for at the time turned me on to marijuana. It helped. However, I don't like breaking the law so I looked into federally hemp products. I am now able to go out into the world, make smarter rational decisions and I'm in a job that I absolutely adore. Full transparency, I work for a hemp company. I get to help people daily find products that work for them and I get to hear how their lives are changed. It helps that I can relate to my customers because we have some of the same problems and have found the same solutions. At the same time, I work with a psychiatrist, therapist, and my general physician to find a balance between the medication I'm taking, my THC use, and my fear of addiction. I am fully in support of regulated THC products much like the tobacco and alcohol industries. It's common sense that we don't want to see children harmed by any of these products. As a proud sister of a 5 year old and Aunt to 8 children between the ages of 16 and 7 months old, it is mine and my family's responsibility to educate the children around us that these products are for adult use. When the time comes, I will be there to safely guide them on how to use these products safely because I not only educate myself but I reach out for help to professionals who understand the importance of hemp in my life.

Johnny Hammitt

Self

Grand prairie, TX

I oppose HB-28 and SB-3 please consider HB 4242 a regulatory bill that addresses all concerns that have been raised.

Keep Texas hemp legal, hundreds of thousands of Texans depend on hemp and it's benefits as well as thousands of businesses require hemp to be legal to be able to continue to stay open. Hemp is not only good for Texans but it's great for Texas's economy

PAMELA MCKINLEY

self/Disabled

Cibolo, TX

I suffer from a rare disease called Common Variable Immunodeficiency. With this disease, I have to undergo lifetime infusions every week, where I have subcutaneous needles stuck into my skin for 4 hours. I experience pain that can best be described as feeling like your bones are shattering from the inside out. In Arizona, I was able to come off of Fentanyl by switching to hemp gummies. I was then on their compassionate use medical before I moved to New Mexico. In NM, I was on hemp gummies again until it became legal to grow my plants to make my tinctures without resorting to opioids. I am now in Texas, and I started with my supply until it ran out, then I got a compassionate use card, but I can't afford the prices for the low dosage. I have used the hemp products that are available to help control pain. The pain I experience will never end. I will be on infusions for the rest of my life. The hemp industry allows me to lessen the pain that I feel, affordably and safely. I use products of high quality, but at prices that are cheaper than what is available through the compassionate use program. I have a son, and a husband, and I care for my mother. None of these things would be possible without the hemp industry. Disability is limited funds, and social security is not a livable income. Please think about those of us who have a true need for this.

Taylor Carter
Self - Disabled
Weatherford, TX

I truly believe that this bill should not pass into law. It hurts many businesses. It hurts many people waiting for breakthroughs in the THC industry. It sets Texas back farther from the rest of the country where they are getting even more freedoms. Texans do not want this.

I'm a Mom of 3, stop using children for fear mongering. I know they are more likely to encounter a nicotine vape, which are much more dangerous. However, nothing has been stated about those. Texas constituents do NOT support the prohibition of THC in any form, any longer- much less hemp products... ESPECIALLY under the farce guise of protecting our children.

Thank you.

Morgan Gibson
Self
Houston, TX

Dear Senate State Affairs Committee,

I urge you to vote NO on SB 3. While this bill claims to provide clarity on the regulation of consumable hemp products, it instead threatens to destroy an entire legal, job-creating industry in Texas. SB 3 would effectively ban popular and federally legal products like delta-8 and delta-9 THC from hemp, putting hundreds of small businesses at risk and eliminating thousands of jobs across the state.

Texans deserve the right to access safe, regulated hemp products. These products are not only legal under the 2018 Farm Bill, but they also serve as a critical alternative for people who cannot access or afford medical cannabis under Texas' limited program. Consumers rely on these products for sleep, anxiety, pain management, and wellness—and they should not be criminalized for doing so.

SB 3 goes too far. It criminalizes small business owners, restricts access for consumers, and imposes burdensome regulations and fees that will make it nearly impossible for small operators to stay afloat. This bill will devastate a growing industry that has brought innovation and economic development to Texas. It will drive business out of state and push consumers to unregulated, unsafe markets.

We need smart regulation—not bans, overreach, and fear-driven policy. I urge you to work with the industry and stakeholders to create thoughtful, science-based rules that support safety, transparency, and economic opportunity.

Please oppose SB 3 and stand up for Texas entrepreneurs, workers, and consumers.

Cassidy Fulks
Self
Lubbock, TX

SAVE CBD

Kazi Ashik, Mr
Bahama mama
Sugar Land, TX

I'm a landlord and this is creating a ton of jobs in our community

Draven Shean, Owner
Compliance Professionals, LLC
Austin, TX

Compliance Professionals LLC - Opposition to SB3 & HB28 Statement

Representatives, the Hemp Industry is a thriving and growing industry. Senate Bill 3, proposed by Senator Charles Perry & Championed by Lt. Governor Dan Patrick would seek to annihilate our entire industry. House Bill 28, proposed by Representative King and heavily supported by the Alcohol Industry would also decimate our entire Industry- squarely handing over control of what would remain in the hands of individuals / corporations who seek only to diversify their revenue streams.

The Hemp Industry:

Is an \$11 Billion Dollar Industry

Provides over 55,000+ Jobs throughout the State

Provides the State of Texas \$267,000,000+ in Tax Revenue

We have been asking for regulation for numerous sessions! This session we have & support House Bill 4242 which brings forth a concise, reasonable, and well thought out path to stringent regulation.

We as an Industry firmly support the following actions:

Age Gating 21+
Exemption for Veterans

Child Resistant Packaging
Exemption for Beverages

Setbacks from Schools
No Adult Hemp Product Sales within 1,000 feet of Schools; existing registered businesses would be grandfathered in.

Our Industry comprises a vast array of individuals. We are business owners. We are Employees. We are Parents. We are Community Members. We are Veterans. We are Upstanding Citizens. We are PROUD Texans. We humbly ask that you oppose SB3 and HB28. The people of Texas DO NOT want these bills to pass. Over 68% of Texans in a recent poll from Newswire support Keeping Hemp Derived THC; this was paneled across all party lines (Republican, Democrat, and Libertarian) in all major metropolitan areas & rural areas of East Texas, The Coast, and North Texas.

Oppose SB3 and HB28. Support HB4242.

Thank You!

Mohammed Majid, Mr
Retail shop owner
Houston, TX

I think banding hemp in taxes will not help anything . But only will make it worst as a store owner . I will be forced to let go some of my employees that this job help that and help their families. Please don't let this happen.

Ghazal Bombaywala

Bahama mama

Sugar Land, TX

You're eliminating an industry that does more than just hemp. The industry helps in all areas of pain relief and better life care with natural ways.

Lionell Campbell

Alpha brands

Spring, TX

I oppose this bill. This industry not only helps

Myself. But countless others with different types of medical circumstances that certain dosages help with

Twana McCalister

American Sharma

Houston, TX

Oppose

Christopher Metz, Mr.

Self

Bruceville, TX

Dear Mr. Perry, I am repair shop owner in Waco Texas. Our mission within our business is to cater to Women, Veterans and First Responders. Owning a small business as you know is up and down rollercoaster ride and not for the faint of heart. The amount of sales tax we pay to the state of Texas monthly averages between \$2,500 to \$3,500 monthly off of the sale of parts needed to fix our customer's vehicles. My son who has owned a legal hemp based business in Texas has surpassed the amount of sales tax that my repair shop pays by 4 to 5 times what my business pays monthly. He prides himself on educating the public and his customer base on the benefits of the products he offers. He has each customer carded to verify that they are 21 years of age and older. He has ensured that he has stayed in compliance with licensing in regard to the hemp products he sells as well. He is against selling to minors and believes that no hemp based business should be in close proximity to any type of public school as well. He and I along with many other hemp advocates believe that there should be laws and certain regulatory changes but totally disagree with hemp based businesses being banned in Texas. I along with many other Texans suffer from horrible anxiety. My sons hemp products have all but eliminated my anxiety without taking man made pharmaceuticals that have negative effects on patients liver and kidneys. The health benefits afforded by hemp shops similar to my son's have greatly benefited many veterans as well as folks like me with horrible anxiety, not to mention the incredible tax benefits that have been afforded to the great state of Texas. I ask that you and your constituents reconsider your stance on this issue.

Sincerely,

Chris Metz

Brandi Ramos

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose.

John Carroll, Operations manager
Compliance professionals llc
Driftwood, TX

Goodmorning, my name is Ross Carroll. I work at Compliance Professionals in Austin Texas and I oppose SB3 and HB28.

These bills would not only take away my livelihood, of which I support my Family & my daughter (name of daughter), but it would also do irreparable harm to the Industry and State I so passionately love.

For years I have been a Rancher and a Farmer here in this Great State; a profession I still cling to. I have been given a wonderful opportunity to work within this beautiful industry to work with Hemp directly both as a Farmer and as a store manager.

Senate Bill 3 and House Bill 28 would not only cause unemployment to skyrocket- but it would also endanger Texans lives by not creating safe regulation for an Industry who has asked for it for years.

I strongly urge you to consider and Support House Bill 4242. We as an industry want Regulation, not Prohibition. As a Texan and a Farmer- i ask that you listen to the people you represent and keep Hemp & THC Legal in our Great State.

Thank You

Taylor Kirk
Self and 4K Pharm LLC
Giddings, TX

My name is Taylor Kirk and I oppose SB3 and HB28. I represent myself and 4K Pharm LLC, a small craft hemp farm located in Giddings, TX. Both SB3 and HB28 would make our federally legal hemp crops and consumable hemp products illegal in Texas. Such a ban would hand the multi-billion dollar industry over to the illicit market, abandoning all opportunity to enforce regulations. The authors of these bills are not educated on hemp, they are fear mongering, making false claims and choosing to ignore industry experts and the majority of Texans who desire continued access to full spectrum hemp products. Through the influence of several private interest groups these bills aim to criminalize hemp and create a monopoly on THC in Texas for big alcohol, certain cannabis companies and big pharma. The 2018 Farm Bill allows the production of hemp in the United States and no longer includes hemp as a controlled substance. The 2018 Farm Bill legalized the commercial production of hemp and authorized states to submit state plans to administer hemp programs. Here in Texas, House Bill 1325 was signed into law in June 2019 and authorized the production, manufacturing, retail sale, and inspection of industrial hemp crops and products. Existing Texas hemp laws are quite thorough and align with federal law, sure there are some things that could be improved such as adding age restrictions and retail store location restrictions, but what we really need is regulatory enforcement and for hemp to be treated similarly to other regulated industries in Texas. I encourage you all to work with other legislators who truly understand the hemp industry and support bills like HB4242 that would improve the industry rather than bills that would eliminate it.

Saqib Khan
Bahama Mama
Katy, TX

It help people deal with many issues. We have customers older than 70 years that use it for pain and sleep. Taking it away means making it harder for them to get.

Cameron McNiesh
Trippiez Smoke Shop
Austin, TX

I Cameron McNiesh, oppose this bill because it is harmful to the community and will create a huge loss of revenue and hurt all of the members of the community

Nedal Wazwaz, Mr
Smokes N' Edibles
Red oak, TX

We need hemp to stay legalized. So so so many people rely on hemp!! It's changed their lives tremendously. The people of Texas rely heavily on hemp. We hear stories everyday from how it's the only thing that helps them sleep, to it's the only thing that helps their restless leg syndrome and so on. My whole family uses hemp and alot of members from my family use cbd oils and topicals. My dog eats CBD dog treats. My mother's cats absolutely love the CBD cat treats. One of the only things that actually helps their restless leg syndrome. I noticed that lieutenant governor Dan Patrick was speaking about how kids go into stores and purchase hemp. I want to be the first to say that, that's absurd. If there is any body selling to minors then you need to charge that person separately and not do a total ban. Because if they are selling to minors then that means they are selling more than just hemp. You should get them in trouble and charge them individually, not do an outright ban.

Yasin Dinani
Smoke shops
Richmond, TX

Save CBD

Brian Adams
CBD American Shaman
Houston, TX

I oppose this bill. This bill will deny thousands of people to the right to access fairly the products needed to assist them.

Sara Lubeck
Self
Austin, TX

This is horrible, fear-mongering bill that will poorly affect adults who engage in legal, compassionate use of hemp derived cannabis. This industry has brought millions of dollars of revenue to the state and gainful employment to thousands of Texans. This policy will bring Texans 100 steps backwards from the rest of the nation, and Texans deserve to have a more comprehensive, logical bill that actually provides smart regulation, and not something based on fear and reefer madness. If this bill is passed and these products are removed then this will just drive people back to the underground market where it is more likely to have cannabis products contaminated or to be laced with another drug. This bill will not make Texans safer, but will put all of those who legally use cannabis at risk and affect thousands of legally employed Texans in an already unstable economy.

Alejandro Cantu Rodriguez
Atx Organics
San marcos, TX

Terrible bill that will negatively impact the life of texans written by tyrants who seek personal gain

Natasha Prothro
Redwood Crane DBA CBD American Shaman Pearland
Missouri City, TX

I oppose this bill. Banning hemp-derived products not only will set back the Texas economy, cause the loss of 1000s of jobs, and the closing of 100s of small family businesses. Regulate not ban.

Diana Garay-Terrell
CBD American Shaman
Houston, TX

No SB3, No HB28. Please consider. HB4242 instead. Thank you for your service.

John Westermann

Laurelcrest

Austin, TX

This bill, and the similar bill HB28, promotes prohibition, criminalization, and draconian legislation that will disproportionately effect the most law-abiding manufacturers and retailers in the state, and only serve to stifle the advancements to cultivation and manufacturing practices that can and will ensure a safer end product for the millions of consumers out there. It will also only serve to prop up the illicit black market in this state, and place further burden on already overtaxed and undermanned law enforcement agencies who will be tasked with enforcing the overreaching and misguided legislation proposed in this bill. Also, Texas can not afford to lose the 50,000 plus jobs and billions of dollars of revenue this will erase.

There needs to be common sense regulation aimed at ensuring ingredient purity, consumer safety, and standardized testing for the hemp space, not prohibition and criminalization. Require more testing, regulate advertising and packaging guidelines to ensure children are not being targeted, and set higher standards for the ingredients used in these products. Treat this industry like any other industry, and create more jobs, not less.

David Ramos

Willie CBD Shop

Fort Worth, TX

I oppose this bill

Catherine Gibbons

Gruene Botanicals

Austin, TX

Legalize it!!!!

Lionell Campbell

Hemp solutions

Spring, TX

I oppose SB 3 because the hemp industry provides a natural and effective alternative to pharmaceuticals, giving people real options for how they choose to medicate. Beyond its medical benefits, this bill threatens the livelihood of thousands of hardworking Texans whose jobs depend on this growing industry.

SB 3 would not only harm public health and employment, but it would also strip millions in tax revenue from the state. The hemp industry contributes significantly to the Texas economy through sales taxes, licensing fees, and local business development. Shutting it down would mean less funding for schools, infrastructure, and essential public services.

This bill hurts our communities on every level—health, jobs, and the economy. I urge lawmakers to stand with Texas workers, small businesses, and patients by voting NO on SB

Brian Ransom

Self

Austin, TX

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Mayra Lopez
Self/Small Business Owner
Houston, TX

If this bill goes into effect... it will affect my business, employees and customers tremendously.

Joseph Smith
Gruene Botanicals
Austin, TX

Strongly opposed, there's no reason the great state of Texas has to go backwards when it comes to rules and regulations

Maricela Zamarripa
Self
Uvalde, TX

I oppose these bills and rely on these products; I will not reelect supporters of SB3.

Lynn Fields
CBD American Shurman
Houston, TX

This what I put

I oppose this bill. Banning hemp-derived products not only will set back the Texas economy, cause the loss of 1000s of jobs, and the closing of 100s of small family businesses. Regulate not ban.

Jocelyn Munoz
Texas Hemp Council
Houston, TX

My family business is in the Cannabis industry and we help people with insomnia, arthritis, and other help problems. We need Hemp including thc in Texas. 53,000 jobs will be lost. This will be a hit to the economy of Texas. I am against the bill SB 3 and HB 28

Angelica Proano
Self
Houston, TX

I want to register my opposition to SB 3 as I say no. This will erase a thousands if not millions of jobs all over Texas, it will cause for harming product to be out instead of regulated medicine that is much needed for the people.

Jason Finnigan
Petalz
Houston, TX

Prohibition has been proven not to work and banning or even regulating the industry could cost me one or both of my jobs

Camerin Virgilio
Rock n roll it
Houston, TX
No on sb3

Rahim Khoja
Member
Austin, TX
Governor Perry,

As a business owner in Texas, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3). This legislation will have a devastating impact on my business and many others like mine.

SB3 will lead to increased regulatory burdens, stifling innovation and hindering our ability to create jobs and drive economic growth. Furthermore, it will put us at a competitive disadvantage, making it harder for us to compete with businesses in other states.

I urge you to consider the long-term consequences of this bill and the harm it will cause to Texas businesses. I respectfully request that you veto SB3 and work with lawmakers to find alternative solutions that promote economic growth and prosperity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rahim Khoja

Michael Arizpe
Self
Austin, TX

I am very opposed to sb3. I am for legal hemp and for THC. Banning these products will have a negative domino affect in so many ways. I know so many people that use this medicine for good to heal themselves, and to say that it intoxicates you too much is ridiculous because let's be real it's better than alcohol/ and prescription medication, which is way worse. Creating more criminal offenses for THC is going to far. The people that sell and buy these products are not bad people so making them criminals is gonna be more headache especially for our justice system. These products comply with the 2018 federal farm bill and you the Texas legislature said it was OK in 2019 during that session year to allow hemp and all it's derivatives to be legal and now you want to ban it 6 years later after so much economic growth? This is going to hurt our already weak economy. I also have been in the industry for 12 years so this is messing with my well being along with my fellow co workers well being. I have enjoyed the freedom to sell these products and to make my business grow. If you are for freedom and business you will vote no to sb3. If you vote for this ridiculous bill it will kill a thriving industry. Please vote no to sb3.

Chris Riddels
Self
Gainesville, TX

Why are we trying to curve people's freedom of choice with more restrictions and regulations? Let's fix property taxes.

Laura Jenkins
Self
DRIPPING SPGS, TX

You will make more money from the industry than you do jailing people which is completely stupid and inhumane.

Ashley Fant
Self
Little Elm, TX

Hemp products do not pose a safety risk, and shoplifting be not more regulated than alcohol!

Cindi Holland

Self

Whitney, TX

I'm a constituent concerned about an important bill that will be up for a vote soon. I'm expressing my strong opposition to SB 3, the bill that would ban hemp THC products. I support regulations to protect young people, but I'm very concerned about the negative impact of prohibition. Our state will be safer if we choose to effectively regulate these products, rather than criminalizing possession of these federally legal products.

Angel Sanchez

Customer

Porter, TX

I don't think it should be banned it help me alot in working with my self

Jose Bastar, Mr

Customer

Kingwood, TX

I don't think it should be banded cause it helps me with my physical health

Melinda Elsby

Self homemaker

Conroe, TX

I'm a cancer patient and cbd products have kept me from having to live on opioids for pain relief. This bill would force me to start depending on opioids and muscle relaxers for pain control. The addiction risk becomes absolutely ridiculous having to take opioids versus using cbd/hemp products.

Macey Gilbert

Self / teacher

Austin, TX

Thank you for taking time to read these comments. Consumable and products has changed my mother's life drastically due to a neurological disorder called spinocerebellar ataxia. The tremors caused by this disorder kept her awake most nights for years, as the medications they could prescribe were too strong. After around 2021 when she gained access to purchase hemp products, her trimmers stopped at night because of CBD and Delta 8. These products have drastically changed her life. Please continue to allow these to be provided to our citizens. The revenue alone seems to be a great reason to keep the products available. This prevents any black market purchasing which we know is the cause of criminal activity. Thank you.

Teresa Mustafa

Self

Providence Village, TX

Not in favor!

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Self

Providence Village, TX

Not in favor!

Sammy Kay

self

Houston, TX

I used to be addicted to enhanced cannabis. I went to therapy and got over my addiction, by using hemp instead. It's less potent, and not addicting. I am able to pass a drug test every month. He should be legalized. It helps a lot of people. It helped me. If Texas removes hemp product, I will move out of Texas. That's a guarantee

Cindy Perez

Self

China spring, TX

Hello, my name is Cindy I live in china spring, Texas. I strongly oppose HB 3 and SB 28. These hemp products have helped me and many others manage health conditions safely and legally. Banning them will hurt Texans, destroy small businesses, and push the industry into the black market. We need responsible regulation—not prohibition. Please protect my right to access legal hemp and support small Texas businesses like Hemp Gaia."

Allan Fredrickson

Self

San Antonio, TX

I think you have Marijuana labeled like a drug when alcohol is alot worse people die everyday because of alcohol but it is legal, even innocent people die because of someone drunk. You don't here of people overdosing or being so hi they couldn't control what they are doing . In my opinion weed is a medicine I am bi polar and smoke to keep myself feeling like you normal people everyday. So taking that away would mean I have to take meds again and I won't do it.

Jayden Collins

Self

Round Rock, TX

This bill is insane actually y'all could be doing so much more for the community but instead y'all take away one of the most peaceful things in the community hemp doesn't kill or hurt people neither does THC it's a healing agent it's medicine it's not for all too consume but it's helps more than 80% of us Texans and for y'all too not see the growth we could gain as a state with doing away with these stupid laws against something that could make us triple the amount alcohol and cigarettes could ever make us it's insane to know I've lived and gown up my whole life in Texas thinking it would always get better if this bill does pass this will not make anything better at all this will bring back heavy issues this may even spike the pill outbreak but that may be what y'all want hopefully y'all do right by us Texans and don't take away our hemp!!

Megan A Ballard

Ballard School for Higher Learning

Texas City, TX

Yes regulate it and require a registration.

ARMANDO GARCIA

Self. Construction foreman.

Magnolia, TX

There is so many contaminated things being consumed by the public and the legal alternative is so much better and trustworthy.

Christopher Cook

Self- Disabled

Dallas, TX

This nation is founded on principles. Equal justice under the law, an unalienable right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, a right to due process, a right to the freedom of religion, to speech, which is the articulation of thoughts and feelings, so in denying those thoughts, feelings, and effects therein, you are violating those rights denying these substances based on a misguided and ingrained prejudice. You are denying people their medical autonomy, when you try to own a person, in thought, in feeling, medically, you are engaged in slavery against the people. Any claim of addiction is actually illegal in this country, that is your opinion, and holds no scientific weight to it, everything has been proven to trigger the same responses in the human brain, and you have been misled. Cannabis is directly responsible for less than 100 deaths world wide every year. At the same time, every person in this country is on average smoking 30 pounds per day of lethally toxic fossil fuels. If I put you in a room with those emissions and left you there for the day, you would perish. It is lethal to drink a gallon of gasoline. Alcohol kills 2,500 US citizens every year directly from poisoning. That is your threshold of acceptable safety. One you will never prove the burden of with this substance, nor a majority of the schedule 1 drugs, which are illegal because they have the effect (protected under the 4th amendment) of euphoria, which by definition is a state of extreme excitement and happiness. Again, the right to the pursuit of happiness and equal justice under the law is a right of the people. That is protected under the 9th amendment, the rights of the people are to be retained by the people. You are violating multiple clauses of the US constitution, engaging in an unlawful prohibition, based on slander, false science, and a lack of facts about your own lives. The only reason you are not being charged with genocide right now is because the USA is only a observing nation of the international criminal courts. The treaty you have signed is illegal, anything in the constitution not withstanding means you cannot treaty away the peoples rights. If it is a harm, it is an arm. If you continue these actions, I can prove that you have abused your homes, to the point those fully constitute drugs (2,500 citizens die in house fires yearly), I can prove your abuse of fossil fuels that you never stop smoking, which are responsible for 120,000 US deaths average every year in this country, you were not born dripping oil out of your veins, any attempt to say it is not a drug, will be met with scientific fact so overwhelming that I will collapse this nation under its own treasonous lies, your money is a drug, and it is the leading impetus of murder in this nation. Your ammunition is a drug, if it is a harm, it is an arm. If I have no right to the second amendment, then it will be my pleasure to strip the state and nation of its drug addictions, equally and justly

Cynthia Castruita

Self

Waxahachie, TX

As someone who works in the Texas hemp industry, I've got to say—HB28 and SB3 are a straight-up disaster in the making.

These bills would wreck an industry that helps pay the bills for over 50,000 Texans (mine included) and brings nearly \$10 billion into our state. That's a whole lot of jobs and revenue to throw away for no good reason.

I'm all for keeping things safe and regulated—but this? This is overkill. It's outdated, overreaching, and completely out of touch with what Texans actually want. Just look at the overwhelming votes to decriminalize cannabis across major cities. The people have spoken. Loudly.

Instead of tearing down what's working, how about working with us? Let's create smart, balanced policies that keep the momentum going without gutting an entire industry.

Do the right thing. Vote NO on HB28 and SB3.

Roberto Castruita

Self

Waxahachie, TX

My spouse works in the Texas hemp industry, and I've seen firsthand how hard they—and so many others—grind every day to help build something real, legit, and thriving.

So let me be clear: HB28 and SB3? They're an attack on all of that.

These bills threaten an industry that supports over 50,000 jobs and brings in nearly \$10 billion for Texas. That's not small change—and it's not just business owners who'll feel it. It's regular people. People like my partner, their coworkers, and countless families who rely on this industry to put food on the table.

Sure, safety matters. Reasonable regulation? Totally fine. But these bills aren't that. They're outdated, extreme, and ignore what Texans have already made clear: we want access to cannabis, and we've voted that way in city after city.

So instead of bulldozing a successful, growing industry, maybe try working with the folks in it. Imagine that.

HB28 and SB3 do nothing but hurt hardworking Texans. Vote NO.

Anna Castruita

Self

Waxahachie, TX

I'm 18, born and raised in Texas, and my parent works in the hemp industry—so trust me when I say HB28 and SB3 are a huge mistake.

This industry helps support my family, and it supports tens of thousands of others too. We're talking over 50,000 jobs and almost \$10 billion coming into the state. Why would anyone want to blow that up?

Yeah, I get that safety is important. No one's arguing against that. But these bills go way too far. They're outdated, over-the-top, and totally ignore what Texans actually want. Like, have y'all even seen the results from all the local cannabis decriminalization votes? We're not asking—we've already spoken.

Instead of pushing harmful, backwards policies, maybe try listening to the people. Or better yet, work with the folks who actually know the industry—like my parent and their team.

HB28 and SB3 don't protect anyone. They just mess with hardworking families. Vote NO, and do better.

Sara Omgig, Mrs

Self

Iowa park, TX

I just want to voice my concerns with these bills and the large impact they will have on so many adults who suffer from chronic pain and anxiety disorders and even dementia patients! It is a great natural alternative to treat so many things when used the way it was designed to be used! These bills won't stop the minors from getting ahold of it, it will only affect the adults who are legally using these products to greatly improve quality of life. Please consider ending these bans for all the adults who rely on them daily to help them get through their day.

Michael Tala
Cannabis of Fort Worth
Ft worth, TX

I've been serving my community since I was the age of 18, working in CBD stores till now being the age of 25 I've seen so much in this industry and it's absolutely shameful what the government has done to oppress all of the medical beauty and bounty that can come from cannabis that we have seen as a community from cannabis and it should be known that so many veterans of this state rely on cannabis to help them without any horrible side effects that are brought on by prescription pills or other forms of medication that are not natural to the body.

The monetary motive and political bias that you people of power and still on the community is disgusting and we will not stand for it anymore.

Rose Garcia, Ms
Self. housekeeper
Mission, TX

I am no criminal and use hemp products for pain management of my fibromyalgia flare ups. No prescription drug helps like hemp products and you're making so difficult to find any type of relief for this severe pain I'm in 24/7.

I believe this should be available to anyone who is ill. And shouldn't have to pay a doctor for a visit and a prescription. Because bottom line, it's about money. Money that working people earn and should be able to spend as they see fit. Not work for a living just to be able to pay for a doctor visit and the very expensive meds they prescribe.

Roy Ash
Self
Azle, TX

Stop with the rapping of or country from the government politicians and the elite rich.

Terry Jones, Mr.
Self
Weatherford, TX

I have to use cbd and THCa for my Ptsd and seizures it's the only thing that I've found that helps I've got a medical prescription for it though. But these bills need to stop. We need to be worrying about much more important matters in my opinion.

justin greenwood
SELF
Rhome, TX

Opposing SB3 and HB28 in their current form is necessary to ensure that regulations focus on responsible oversight rather than outright restrictions. While safety measures such as improved testing, clearer packaging, and restrictions on sales to minors or near schools are reasonable, a full ban on THC products would harm patients who rely on medical cannabis as a safer alternative to opioids.

Medical cannabis has been proven effective for managing chronic pain, epilepsy, PTSD, and other conditions without the high risk of addiction and overdose that comes with opioids. Overregulation or banning THC products could push patients toward dangerous prescription painkillers, worsening the opioid crisis. The focus should be on ensuring product safety and responsible distribution rather than limiting access to a vital medical treatment.

Nancy Kern
UTOPIA HERB CO
Round Rock, TX

HEMP DERIVED PRODUCTS ARE A SAVING GRACE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE. BY BANNING THESE YOU ARE LITERALLY HINDERING WELL BEING OF MILLIONS OF HUMANS THAT RELY ON THESE PRODUCTS TO LEAD A PAIN FREE, PEACEFUL, FULFILLING LIFE. SO YOU THINK THAT HIGHLY ADDICTIVE AND DANGEROUS CLASS 3 PAIN KILLERS ARE THE ANSWER?! THEY ARE NOT, WE CURRENTLY HAVE A HUGE FENTANYL BATTLE THAT NEEDS THIS ATTENTION, NOT HEMP! IN 2023 OVER 107,000 PEOPLE DIED DUE TO FENTANYL. HOWEVER, BETWEEN 2018 AND 2021 ONLY 22 DEATHS WERE HEMP DERIVED. WAKE UP, HEMP IS NOT THE PROBLEM HERE!!!!

Alma Garcia
self
San Benito, TX

This bill does texans who are consuming responsibly a disservice by pulling the rug from under their feet as hemp with a delta 9 content of 0.3 percent has been legal since 2019. There are better ways to amend the issues that Senator Perry has with the current hemp law, which would be to regulate over criminalizing THC. This bill if passed, would shutter the small business's that have thrived over the current law, which only goes against what I think Texas should stand for which is their business and opportunity that has only brought more money to our state in these past years and that's with un-regulation. It could be so much better if our senators would try to use the current thriving market for the good of the state rather than to toss it to the side to give back to the underground unregulated market.

NANCY KERN
UTOPIA HERB CO.
ROUND ROCK, TX

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Wesley Barnes, Spc.
Self
Onalaska, TX

I am a disabled combat veteran of the Gulf War who was exposed to a nerve agent. I used to take opioid, benzodipines, and a number of other addictive presentations. 10 years ago I was able to get off of those by using hemp products. Please do not vote for this and send me to the Black market.....

Chase Kempner
Self, Insurance Agent
Fort Worth, TX

I have struggled with suicidal depression my entire life. Since I was a teenager, my life has had a constant monologue running in my head, telling me that I am worthless, that no one cares about me, that I should kill myself. I heard this voice from when I first work up, before I brushed my teeth and went to school. I heard it throughout the day, until I went to bed. Therapy did not stop it; puberty did not stop it; prayer and church attendance did not stop it; psychiatric medicine did not stop it. To be fair, each of those alone played their part in making a difference, but nothing truly put it to rest until I tried marijuana. That first morning afterwards, when all the pieces were there and the last one fell into place, was paradise. I cannot tell you how it felt to wake and not immediately have the urge to end it all. How liberating it was to go about my day with that dark, hateful voice within me silenced for good at last. After decades of misery and suffering, I finally had relief.

However, it was a crime to get that relief, because of our state's laws on cannabis; I could either be a law abiding citizen and suffer, or find relief. The passage of the 208 Farm Bill, and the legalization of various cannabis derivatives finally gave me a legal avenue to buy medicine for my mental health. Even better, the various formulations without Delta 9 THC were helping me with my depression and suicidal urges, but without being intoxicating. I had the ideal solution at last: I was a law-abiding citizen, buying medicine grade products (with laboratory testing to prove their purity), paying taxes on my purchase, and living my best life. All of this was possible thanks to our state's legal cannabis industry. I implore you, as a constituent here in Texas and a long-suffering fellow human being who has finally found relief, please do not consign me back to a life where the first thing I hear in the morning isn't my wife telling me she loves me, or my pets greeting me, or my phone alerting me to messages from friends and loved ones, but instead one where it is "you should kill yourself,". Every day. Forever.

Marisa Kahla

877-755-2787

Bryan, TX

Good afternoon,

I write to you as a proud Texan and urge you to consider regulation of consumable hemp products over an outright ban. Regulating the hemp industry will be far safer and more productive than an outright ban and will continue to increase our state's revenue and bolster the economy. Many Texans, myself included, have turned to consumable hemp products for various health reasons and have found much greater success in natural, Texas-grown products than chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

I began experiencing debilitating daily panic attacks and issues stemming from unresolved PTSD in the summer of 2018. I was prescribed a laundry list of anti-anxiety and depression medication as well as sleep aids in order to function but my symptoms did not improve and only got worse. I stopped eating, I could not sleep through the night, and each day felt increasingly unbearable. This culminated into crippling depression and even suicidal ideation in which I considered parking my vehicle on the railroad tracks and waiting for a train. When I came back to my senses, I called a friend of mine, sobbing hysterically and begged her to come over. She was the one who first told me about CBD (and consumable hemp as a whole) and recommended a CBD gummy infused with a minute amount of Delta 8; the difference was nearly immediate. It was the first time I had truly felt like myself in a long time and it was the first time I went through the day and slept through the night without a panic attack or needing to fall back on medication.

The people who use consumable hemp products are not drug dealers or criminals or deviants looking for the next high; we are normal, hard-working Texans who contribute to our communities and just want to be able to decide what is best for us and our own health. The hemp industry has done wonders for people suffering with chronic pain, cancer, seizures, anxiety, and other ailments that have kept them from enjoying their lives. It has helped veterans, the elderly, and people with medical conditions which leave them struggling for a sense of normalcy. Again, these are not drug addicts; these are Texans, your constituents, and they are looking to you to make the right decisions. I myself am a college educated homeowner with two master's degrees and I am an insurance auditor who is licensed to work in over 40 states; I am not a "pot head" or a slacker or anything similar.

Because of this I urge you to consider regulation over an outright ban and simply treat consumable hemp products the same way alcohol and liquor are treated in our state. Focus on enforcing age limits and requiring an ID check in any shop that carries these products and make it more difficult for minors to obtain the products themselves. This will be one of the best ways to keep these products away from minors while still keeping them accessible to those who need it.

Banning consumable hemp is not the answer, regulation is.

Thank you for your time,
Marisa

BONNIE RUSHING

Self

San Antonio, TX

This bill should be struck down! The products should be regulated and NOT banned! THC is a product of nature and has many many health benefits, which some of my family use...particularly pain!!! I much rather my mother eat her daily gummy than take pharmaceutical addicting narcotics!!! Not only do they help her chronic back and hip pain, but help keep her mood calm! She has dementia and is subject to aggressive times! Her daily gummies help control that greatly! A better alternative than Xanax!!! THC can be regulated! Alcohol is a much more dangerous drug and yet that is legal!!! Since this involves many Texans...PUT IT TO THE TEXANS TO VOTE!!! LET US DECIDE HOW WE WANT THC AND CANNINUS TO BE USED!!! OR RISK DEMOCRATS TAKING OVER!!! AND I GUARANTEE, YOU PASS THIS, AND DEMOCRATS WILL RUN ON IT AND PEOPLE WILL VOTE TO GET IT BACK!!!

LEAVE IT TO THE PEOPLE TO VOTE!!! NOT DAN PATRICK

Billy Williams

Myself

Kilgore, TX

Taking away products with THC in them is unethical for us who need it medically it pays taxes to texas which help our state along with its residence that truly benefit from this medicine. It would be a total mistake to do this ,yet beer and alcohol is legal and its effects kill billions a year yet you can still buy it drive and kill yourself or other,or die from alcohol poisoning yet there has never been a case where THC or marijuana has kill one single person by its self, Instead of making it illegal again make it have same laws and punishment alcohol has cause we all know how many thats killed since 1933 when it was made legal again. I really hope you people understand it's not a bad thing plus it has the potential to pull out state outta debt. Thank you Billy Williams.

Abby Tidwell

Natures Remedy, hemp company

Gladewater, TX

To say that hemp should be a criminal offense, is just complete nonsense. You're wanting to put a ban on something that is completely natural and something that helps many Americans daily. I'm all for having restrictions, such as age limits and child proof packaging, but to ban it is completely is absurd. This is how my husband and I make a living and provide for our children, and to knowingly take that away is wrong. To some, hemp is the only thing that will help them with their medical issues such as anxiety, depression, chronic pain, cancer, etc. It's been proven time and time again that cannabis is more beneficial and safer than the medication that big phrama gives out. You all want to ban cannabis, but alcohol is completely legal and normalized and KILLS many Americans every year. Never heard of anyone dying from to much THC intake...Plus, the medications that the pharmaceutical companies give out are far worse as far as side effects and addiction. We've been giving Adderall to people for YEARS and it's basically meth. Making a little bit of money off on cannabis arrests is not as much money as you'd have for actual criminals. You could make a lot more off of the taxes of hemp products, or marijuana products if you legalized it as a whole. There's a reason why states legalized it, many reasons. This idea of a ban is completely ridiculous and if passed is going to put so many Texan citizens in a bind, people who own businesses and people who use cannabis or derived products. Please take this time to reconsider, this will affect so many people in negative ways. Our fellow Texans deserve the right to choose what medication they take, whether that be a natural or synthetic way. We have the right to have hemp and hemp derived products. Also, to throw kratom in the mix is completely unhinged. Do you all do any reading that comes from scientist about these products you want to ban? Or do you just want to believe in something that's not true? I suggest you educate yourselves in the matter, fascinating it is. Anyways, like I said, I'm for having stricter laws on who can sell it, consume it, etc. and that's coming from a business standpoint. But please, do not ban these products all together.

Brandi Alvarez

Self

Austin, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3, which seeks to restrict access to hemp-derived products. As someone whose family has relied on hemp-based products for three generations to manage pain and other medical conditions, I urge you to reconsider the potential consequences of this legislation.

Hemp-derived products have provided significant relief to individuals suffering from chronic pain, inflammation, anxiety, and other health concerns—many of whom have found little success with traditional pharmaceuticals. In my family, we have firsthand experience with the benefits of these products, spanning multiple generations. For years, hemp has served as a natural, safe, and effective option that has improved our quality of life without the addictive risks associated with opioids or other synthetic medications.

Restricting access to these products not only threatens the well-being of those who depend on them but also undermines the progress made in providing safer, plant-based alternatives for pain management. Furthermore, the hemp industry supports local economies, small businesses, and farmers who have worked diligently to comply with federal regulations.

I urge you to consider the voices of constituents like myself, who rely on these products daily. Instead of restricting access, I encourage policies that focus on responsible regulation, ensuring consumer safety while preserving access to the therapeutic benefits of hemp-derived products.

Please stand with those of us who depend on these remedies and oppose Senate Bill 3. I appreciate your time and consideration and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

Brandi S. Alvarez, Native Austinite

Sara Ellis
Glass Phoenix Waco
Waco, TX

Dear Members of the Texas Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3), which attempts to regulate consumable hemp products but in reality acts as an outright ban, disguised as protective regulation.

SB3 presents itself as a protective measure intended to prevent minors from accessing hemp-derived cannabinoid products. While safeguarding children is important, the methods proposed in this bill are misguided and unrealistic. Instead of implementing practical solutions, SB3 sets THC thresholds at an impossible standard of 0.00001%, effectively removing nearly all legal CBD and CBG products from Texas shelves. This is not regulation—this is a de facto prohibition.

The logic behind SB3 mirrors the flawed reasoning often used against firearm ownership. Guns, while legal for responsible adults, are sometimes illegally sold or given to minors. However, the legislature rightfully has not banned guns outright, recognizing that illegal transfers are driven by human behavior that laws alone cannot eradicate. Similarly, adults legally buying hemp products from stores and then selling or giving them to minors cannot be stopped solely by legislative bans. The issue at hand is not the legality of the products but the actions of individuals.

Rather than imposing unrealistic and ineffective bans, the legislature's role is to implement and enforce appropriate age restrictions. Currently, Texas lacks a clear, enforceable age-gating policy for consumable hemp products. Addressing this gap should be your first step, accompanied by comprehensive educational campaigns targeted at parents and adult consumers to highlight responsible usage and storage.

No legislation can completely prevent misuse—be it guns, alcohol, tobacco, or hemp products. Education and reasonable regulations are proven to be far more effective than outright bans. SB3 overlooks this reality entirely.

I strongly urge you to reconsider SB3. Instead, please create clear, sensible age-gating laws coupled with education to protect minors without unjustly punishing responsible adult consumers and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sara Ellis

Eric Ruckstuhl, Owner
EBR Enterprises - Hempstead Products Div.
Cypress, TX

I am a licensed retailer in the state's consumable hemp program and a native Texan. I felt that it was important for me to write to you to voice my opposition to SB3 in its current form. I do not agree with overall bans instead of precise regulation. This may lead to a huge number of black-market sales and could even encourage cartels and organized crime to reestablish markets in Texas. I applaud the age gate restrictions and encourage the state to do sensible things like that before enacting so many other damaging rules.

There are other subjects within this bill that are unfair and illogical. I will list these below:

1. Sec.A443.256.AA OFFENSE: PROVISION OF CERTAIN CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCT BY COURIER, DELIVERY, OR MAIL SERVICE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person provides a consumable hemp product containing a hemp-derived cannabinoid by courier, delivery, or mail service. As an ecommerce based retailer, what options would I have to get any products to people? I don't have walk in traffic. Also, how could I handle returns to out of town or vendors?
2. A consumable hemp product that contains any amount of a cannabinoid other than cannabidiol or cannabigerol may not be sold at retail or otherwise introduced into commerce in this state. This is not sustainable for the Hemp industry, nor is it a benefit for consumers. Almost all of the products in the industry will have trace amounts of many other cannabinoids. Even CBD and CBG will have some CBDA and CBGA. Disallowing a total THC amount and/or all of the other Cannabinoids will narrow the number of available products too much. How could stores sell just 6-10 products? It will also decrease the efficacy of the possible health benefits from the plant. Isolates cannot function as well as a broad spectrum or full spectrum product. The 0.0001 percent on a dry weight basis rule will not work.
3. Sec.A443.254.AA OFFENSE: MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS FOR SMOKING. (a) A person commits an offense if the person manufactures, distributes, sells, or offers for sale a consumable hemp product for smoking. I believe that the consumers have a right to use the plant in its natural or processed forms, in the manner that they desire. If sellers in Texas can't furnish those products, then companies in other states will. The creation of felonies and misdemeanors for the public and the sellers for these products is the last thing that the people of the state of Texas need. I can read lab reports quite well, but most of the population cannot. Are we really going to prosecute people for having a skin cream or other products that had trace amounts of other cannabinoids that are not even on the CSA?

Thanks,

Eric Ruckstuhl

Kathryn Lowry
Self
Houston, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 3. This bill poses a significant threat to Texas businesses and the economy by potentially dismantling a multi-billion-dollar industry, leading to job losses and economic decline. Many Texans rely on hemp-derived products as a natural alternative to pharmaceutical drugs, including opioids, to manage chronic pain, anxiety, and other health conditions. Restricting access to these products could push individuals toward more harmful or addictive substances. Rather than an outright ban, implementing regulations and quality control measures would better ensure consumer safety. Additionally, this bill could create unnecessary burdens for law enforcement and divert resources from more pressing issues. I urge the committee to vote against SB 3 and pursue a more balanced, evidence-based approach that protects public health and the state's economic well-being.

Amyn Mukhi
Self
Houston, TX

If this bill gets passed it will effect lots of field like, employment, federal tax and medical, instead of banning this product do research on it and innovate it to create a better product for future

Alexys De Hoyos, Social Media

Self

San Antonio, TX

Against this bill!

Luis Valdes

Self

Magnolia, TX

Absolutely. In an honest cost-benefit analysis that looks at individuals and society as a whole, banning and/or severe restrictions is the only answer. For those that suffer pain, introduce a separate bill for them. If this fraudulent interpretations hadn't spread so far and wide, our granddaughter would still be alive and our son, at Texas A&M of all places, wouldn't be in the trouble he is in. No one is talking about it, but It is pervasive across all of our college campuses. We invest in the education of out young people and then we systematically allow them to destroy their brains, it is the very definition of absurd.

Jada Mentoore

Self

Seguin, TX

It's not hurting anyone

Connie Beseda

Self

New Braunfels, TX

Don't take away my choice

Bilal Alhindi, Mr

Bahama mama

Richmond, TX

I am against of the banning of CBD

Shelby Larson

Self

Fort Worth, TX

The only way I accept is if alcohol and tobacco are also completely outlawed. The stats show they are far more harmful to those doing them and those around them. Look at dui rate, drunk driving accidents. I would rather all hemp be legal and no tobacco and alcohol as a mom of 4.

Ayman Hamideh

Self

Universal City, TX

I am against SB3 and HB28. I support sensible regulations. It is not fair to punish law abiding adults. I am an adult and I follow the law. If this so called issue was really about minors, then we should have the same energy for alcohol where is kills thousands a year not including the accidents and crimes committed from its use. Supporting HB 4242 makes sense and helps address the issues in question. Don't punish law abiding people. I'm a single issue voter and I will be voting accordingly. Thank you and I hope yall will consider my opinion.

Ahmed Yousif, Mr
Retail hemp shop owner
Houston, TX

I'm a dad of 4 kids and I own 4 retail shop that me and my son run. Taking hemp away won't help TX in anyway but too the worst and taking taxes money away and giving money to drug dealers

Ibrahim Jalali
Bahama mamas
Webster, TX

I'm an adult who turns to hemp for help with focus, inflammation, and stress relief. The Texas Compassionate Use Program doesn't meet my needs—it's limited, hard to access, and overpriced. Taking away hemp products would leave me struggling with daily discomfort, lower productivity, and no affordable alternatives. Lawmakers shouldn't be choosing what legal natural remedies I can use. Hemp is already regulated by Texas health authorities and operates within both state and federal law. SB3 is not about public safety—it's about control. It takes away our freedom to choose while solving no real problem. Hemp works for me where nothing else does, and it has a track record of safety that speaks for itself.

Javier Ayala
Delta 8 Denton
Denton, TX

Hello, my name is Javier Ayala. I live in Denton, TX. I am here speaking on behalf of myself and the many customers I have the privilege of assisting at Delta 8 Denton, my place of work.

I strongly oppose SB3 and HB28. My daily interactions at my job provide me with firsthand knowledge and personal experiences that reveal the devastating impact these bills would have.

They would severely restrict access to vital products for many people who depend on them to manage chronic pain, anxiety, and other debilitating conditions.

This includes our veterans and elderly residents.

These bills would also force the many people that rely on these already self-regulated products for medication towards unsafe or less effective alternatives.

These bills would also cause the devastating loss of many businesses and jobs, a consequence that would personally impact my ability to sustain myself, and also many people close to me.

The specialized knowledge and services we provide to our customers, many with specific health needs, would also be lost, which would leave a significant gap in this previously accessible knowledge.

I ask that you please reject SB3 and HB28 to ensure that Texans may continue to benefit from these important products.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ali Holder
Self
Austin, TX

THC has helped my chronic migraines more than any prescription drug. Not only is THC helpful, it is not addictive nor can it kill you like most legal prescription pain medication. Please consider the health of those who need this pain relief to live their lives with more ease.

Josh Berry
Self
Houston, TX

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to sb 3. This bill poses a serious threat to the Texas hemp industry, which supports thousands of jobs and serves countless patients who rely on hemp-derived products for their health and well-being.

If passed, sb 3 would impose regulations that could devastate small businesses, harm our local economy, and take away life-changing medicine from patients who have no other alternatives. The hardworking people in this industry deserve protection—not punishment—from legislation that disregards the real-life consequences on families, workers, and patients.

I urge you to stand with your constituents and vote NO on sb3

Luke Hartline
Self
Crandall, TX

Children do not have unrestricted access to hemp-derived cannabinoids, and I believe it is crucial that we maintain this protective measure. At present, the law ensures that only individuals 21 and older are able to purchase these products, providing a controlled environment where safety is prioritized. The regulations in place, which include clear age restrictions, packaging requirements, and proper labeling, have allowed the industry to operate transparently while ensuring that minors do not have access to potentially harmful products. The current regulatory framework offers a balanced approach, giving adults access to these beneficial compounds while keeping these products out of the hands of minors. This is a reasonable and measured approach that addresses both the potential benefits and the need for responsible consumption. SB 3, on the other hand, threatens to undo this progress and restrict access to necessary treatment options.

Chazz Shook
Self
Spurger, TX

Strongly oppose anything except the full legalization of medical marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes. Regulation and taxation of the legal cannabis industry is for positive benefit of all Texas citizens, and is strongly supported by a majority to be sensibly controlled, tested, and taxed.

Legalization, education, and taxation of cannabis sales will guarantee that the people that want or NEED access to cannabis will have safe and quality products to choose from. The tax dollars can be used for a multitude of projects and programs including furthering education about marijuana and hemp products to keep them safe for any time if or when they choose to use them.

Jessica Dallas
Self
Denton, TX

Good afternoon, my name is Jessica Dallas, I'm from Denton, Texas and I am speaking on behalf of myself and the small cannabis store I work for, Delta8Denton and I am speaking in opposition of SB3 and HB28. Working for Delta8Denton, I have had the privilege of seeing firsthand how legal hemp positively impacts our community—not only by providing safe, regulated cannabis products but also by creating jobs and overall supporting our community.

Every day we're able to educate customers on responsible cannabis use and help them find safe legal alternatives to unregulated products. Our customer base is diverse, be it veterans, parents, or disabled individuals, everyday people rely on these products for relief and wellness. SB3 and HB28 threaten to take that away—and if passed, I, along with my coworkers and thousands of people statewide, will lose our jobs, customers will lose access to safe cannabis, and Texas will lose a growing industry that currently provides immense economic benefits.

I urge you to consider the real impact of this bill on us. Protect small businesses, protect jobs, protect our communities and protect Texans' right to safe, legal cannabis. Vote NO on SB3 and HB28.

Alex Hastings, Mr.
The Haze Connect
Wimberley, TX

I oppose this bill for many reasons. As an organization, we condemn marketing, branding and sales to children. We support sensible regulation on the plant and regulated sales to consumers. We feel that a full ban of hemp products supports the black market that we are so desperately trying to move away from.

Muneeb Khan
Bahama mamma
Richmond, TX

Hi

Saif Nisar, Mr
Bahama Mama
Richmond, TX

I am against SB3

Jake Steele
Delta 8 Denton
Denton, TX

These proposed bans on nearly all cannabinoids would harm individuals who rely on these products for relief and support.

I've personally witnessed the positive impact that daily cannabinoid use has on veterans and people living with chronic pain. These bills would strip away legal, safe alternatives from those who wish to avoid prescription opioids or unregulated black market products.

Many of our customers have shared that they've turned away from illicit sources in favor of purchasing legal hemp from licensed, dependable retailers. Both consumers and the hemp industry are willing to engage in responsible regulation and better practices.

There is no need to dismantle a billion-dollar industry or remove access to products that thousands of Texans depend on. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ahmad Alnajjar, Co Owner
Trippiez inc
Austin, TX

This bill is an endangerment to over 5,000 business and over 50,000 employees and owner in the state of Texas who abide by the law and pay taxes. This bill is a complete attack on an item/subject matter completely misunderstood and constantly spewed inaccurate and false information.

Stephanie Boone
self, statistician for VA
San Antonio, TX

April 7, 2025
Good Morning

My name is Stephanie Boone and I live in San Antonio, Texas.

I strongly support SB3 because of what my family has experienced and lost due to use of THC.

My son was always very active and played in multiple sports from childhood through high school. He was in Junior ROTC in high school and was top of his class. He graduated high school with honors and received a \$126,000 scholarship to a private 4-year university. He had a beautiful smile and a good sense of humor. His teachers and employers loved him. He loved music, his friends and his girlfriend. He wanted to be an engineer.

My son began smoking THC while he was a junior in high school. He loved his first year in college but by then he was vaping THC and dabbing. By the time he was in his second year of college, he no longer was motivated to go to school or work. He lost his scholarship, his girlfriend, his love for music and sports. He lost his smile and good humor. He was constantly sick.

He became delusional, speaking lucidly about being God and about being a billionaire.

He was throwing up regularly but refused help and told me he the food I made was causing his sickness.

His psychosis was severe. He believed there were robots in his head telling him what to do. He said they scared him and he had to constantly be vigilant and fight them when they got mean.

He would have periods of catatonia that frightened everyone around him.

I managed to get him to a psychiatric hospital and then to residential treatment. My son went 9 months without using THC and he never stopped hallucinations including voices telling him what to do.

It has been three years of emergency room visits, psychiatric hospitals, residential treatment, partial hospitalization, recovery coaches and sober living. He has lived on the streets. He says that marijuana is the only thing that makes him feel better, and he doesn't understand that it is making him worse.

I am not sure that he will ever regain what he has lost mentally. He has a difficult time processing things and acts like a 17 year old even though he is 25 now.

This disease has caused my family so much distress, and has been an incredible financial hardship, even with insurance.

This is why I STRONGLY support SB3.

We stand with Lt Governor Dan Patrick and support him going into a special session to get SB3 passed. We thank Senator Charles Perry, and all the other legislators for supporting a complete ban on THC and protecting Texas families.

We support law enforcement and that any product that has any amount of THC should be illegal.

Citizens for a Safe and Healthy Texas is connected with thousands of families united to stop this THC nightmare.

Respectfully,
Stephanie Boone
San Antonio, Texas

Zakia Shinwari, Employee
Hemp Industry
Killeen, TX

I strongly oppose the SB3 & HB28 which can my job and pave the road to illegal drugs sold on streets.

Ashton Moore
BREZ
League City, TX

Members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Ashton Moore. I am a holistic health and wellness entrepreneur, and an advocate for the recovery community based out of Austin and Houston, TX. ??I'm here to oppose SB 3's efforts to eliminate legal access to hemp-derived products.??This isn't just a Texas decision. It sets a precedent that will ripple across all 50 states. If SB 3 passes, it will empower alcohol and pharma lobbies to push similar bans nationwide— crushing the fastest growing wellness market in our lifetime. ??Let's be clear: This bill isn't about safety. It's about eliminating competition for Big Alcohol and Big Pharma. It would force Texans into a limited set of legal options for relief—booze, nicotine, or prescription medications. That's not freedom. That's a monopoly.??As someone who's worked closely with the recovery community, I've seen the devastation alcohol causes. But consumers—especially Gen Z—are moving away from it. In fact, a 2023 Gallup study found that 62% of young adults now avoid alcohol altogether, seeking safer, more natural alternatives like hemp-based beverages.??I urge you to consider the fallout if SB3 is passed:?- It pushes people back to alcohol— where 1 in 5 working-age deaths in Texas are already alcohol-related.?- It ignores consumer demand, where according to NielsenIQ, 42% of U.S. adults now prefer hemp beverages over alcohol.??If safety is the goal, let's regulate—not eliminate. Colorado's hemp rules—like dosage limits, age verification measures, and clear labeling standards—reduced teen use by 18%. Smart regulation works, prohibition doesn't.

Like the Boston Tea Party, this could be our “Austin Weed Party” moment. ?The country is watching, let's lead by example. Reject SB 3. Protect personal choice. And take a stand for public health and economic opportunity. Thank you.

Brittany Colon
Self
Dallas, TX

The Texas Hemp industry is already federally and state-legal and regulated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. There are no products that work as well as hemp for me, and no one has ever died from Hemp products.

Hayden Meek
Self, owner of Delta 8 Denton
Lubbock, TX

My name is Hayden Meek. I am the owner of Delta 8 Denton, a local hemp business—but today, I’m here to speak on behalf of myself, in strong opposition to SB3.

I grew up in a small town in West Texas, where the air was a 50/50 blend of clean wind and red dirt. My parents were blue-collar workers, and to this day, people still have a hard time understanding me when I say the word "oil."

Growing up in West Texas, I learned early on that nothing is given—everything must be earned. You work hard for what you want, and often even harder for what you don’t. I was raised on the idea of “pulling yourself up by your bootstraps.” That mindset has shaped everything I do, giving me the drive to learn, adapt, and grow through every challenge.

I graduated high school in 2013 and moved to Lubbock to attend Texas Tech University—just like I’d been told to do my whole life. But by my second year, I realized traditional education wasn’t the right fit for how I learn. So I left and started working at a bank.

I worked there for six years, eventually mastering the role. I wanted to grow—specifically, to move into the investment department—but I wasn’t allowed to train or advance because I didn’t have my own book of business. When it became clear they wouldn’t help me grow with them, I made the decision to grow beyond them. I left and started my own business.

It started slow, but five years later, I’m proud to say I’ve built a team of 16 talented individuals—many of whom are here today. From the very first hire, my mission has been to be the kind of employer who encourages ambition and creativity—not just to build the business, but to build people.

I haven’t always gotten it right (and I’m sure one or two of them would be happy to back me up on that), but the thing I’m most proud of—now that I’ve just turned 30—is the team that runs this company. They are constantly innovating, inviting others in, and driving positive change in our little corner of Denton, Texas.

Please, don’t take that away from us.
SB3 and HB28 would cause irreparable damage to what we’ve spent five years building. Delta 8 Denton isn’t just a hemp shop—it’s a community of people who pulled themselves up by their bootstraps.

Please—don’t cut our laces.

Thank you for your time.

Robbie Barron
Sublime Smoke
Plano, TX

I oppose

Steven Lewis
Sublime Sv
Plano, TX

Oppose

Teressa Peterson
Pink Cloud LLC
Leander, TX

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your time and consideration in reviewing my statement. At times, it may feel as though our voices go unheard, but I hope that today, you will truly listen to the concerns I raise.

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on SB3. While I understand the political pressures surrounding the issue of hemp, I firmly believe that excluding Texans from this critical conversation would be a direct disservice to our state's economy. Prohibition of this industry will only push a multi-billion-dollar sector into the shadows, redirecting it away from legitimate businesses and into the hands of black markets, such as the cartel. This would lead to the closure of countless local businesses and force individuals to return to the streets to find the relief they need. As Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller has aptly stated,

“If it can even help with something as simple as a toothache, why would we deny the people that option?”

I also understand the concerns surrounding unregulated, potentially dangerous products circulating in the market. However, prohibition is not the solution. With proper oversight, including Certificates of Analysis (COAs), certifications, permits, and robust regulatory frameworks, we can position Texas as a leader in the hemp industry. Prohibition has never been an effective solution; rather, we must prioritize the well-being of our communities by supporting safe, regulated access to hemp products and by ensuring that small, local businesses continue to thrive.

In light of the numerous bills proposed this session concerning THC and hemp, SB3 represents an example of extremism, driven by a lack of understanding rather than thoughtful consideration. It is crucial that we approach this matter with an open mind and a commitment to the economic and social well-being of our state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will make the right decision for Texas and its future.

Robert Lachappelle
Self, business owner
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this bill. Our business caters to veterans and the elderly, we are a responsible store that employs 5 people and donates to charitable organizations like Project 22 and the Bexar County Felony Drug Court. This bill would lead to loss of jobs and more. Please consider a more reasonable approach to regulating this industry.

Eric Linares
Myself
Waco, TX

I oppose SB 3 because it unfairly targets legal, federally compliant hemp products and puts thousands of Texas jobs at risk. This bill would devastate small businesses that rely on these products and limit safe access for consumers. Instead of overregulating, we should support smart policies that protect public safety while allowing the hemp industry to thrive. Please vote no on SB 3.

Tad Dominey

Self

Tyler, TX

writing concerned with the thought that my job might go away. Leaving me not only without a job, but means to pay for the very things I need to survive. Things my family of four needs to survive.

I work for the leading dispensary in East Texas. Not only do we have a higher standard than the state requires in testing and marketing, but we make sure that nobody under the age of 21 that enters our facilities stays in our facilities. We card rigorously and send anybody under 21 out. Our flower goes through Texas DEA certified labs to ensure that it meets state requirements. We vet all of the products that make it to our shelves and hold the companies we sell to the same starboard we hold our own products to. We thoroughly train associates on the products that we sell and all associates have vast knowledge of the plant, its cannabinoids, terpenes, and how they interact with people's bodies. Daily I hear how our products are helping people. Helping in ways that the current TCUP program does not have the ability to do. And for a cost that is far cheaper for better products. The hemp industry is not the problem. We are not responsible for the poor business model that was set up for the medical marijuana industry. The hemp industry is not the issue.

Not only has the hemp industry pushed for tighter regulations, we have been stonewalled in doing by the state. We have had to police ourselves and hope that the legislature would pass common sense regulations regarding testing, age gating, handling, and manufacturing. Our industry, the legal hemp industry, has been at the forefront of curtailing the cartels and the illegal marijuana that is an actual problem. But due to the very foreseen problems within the medical marijuana industry, we are seen as the scapegoat and solely responsible for the demise of TCUP.

Here is a better idea than an outright ban.

Give teeth to the regulations surrounding hemp. Weed out the bad apples, the gas stations, "smoke shops", "head shops", and hole in the wall resale shops that have popped up everywhere. Make it to where the testing required has to be for heavy metals, mold, pesticides, mildew. Make them have age gate all customers under 30. Make it required to have identification card scanners for verification of age. Make label and package requirements fit the type of products being sold. That way they are in child resistant containers without flashy marketing and cartoons. There are ways to make the hemp industry better. I welcome them. Please, pass the bills that keep this legal and better regulate the industry. Many bills are before the house and senate regarding the hemp industry. Pass the ones making it better. Do not pass a ban on hemp derived products.

Do not let TCUP decide who their competitors are in Texas. That is not the Texas free market way.

Texans support legal THC uncapped at 68%. We remember. We have families. We vote. No on SB3!!!!

Douglas Czikowsky

self

San Antonio, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 28, which threatens to restrict access to cannabis for people who rely on it as a safe, effective alternative to more dangerous treatments.

As someone who lives with chronic pain from multiple surgeries—shoulder, knee, and back—I can personally attest to the significant relief medical cannabis provides. Without it, my daily pain would be far worse, and my quality of life much lower.

Cannabis is not only effective, it is far less addictive than opioids, which are often prescribed in similar circumstances. Restricting access to medical cannabis forces many patients back toward riskier, more harmful options, which is both dangerous and unnecessary.

There are countless Texans like me who depend on this form of relief—not to get high, but to get by. HB 28 puts our health and well-being at risk.

Please protect patient rights and reject HB 3

Sincerely,

Douglas Czikowsky

Caitlyn Blankenship

Self

Temple, TX

Criminalizing hemp based products is uncalled for.

Marisa Calabro, Ms
Self / CBD & Hemp Educator
Tomball, TX

Since the 2018 Farm Bill opened the doors for the research, sale and growth of hemp products, I have personally both experienced and witnessed the overwhelmingly beneficial impact that it has had. As an adult, consumable hemp products have helped me in numerous areas of my life. Ranging from helping to curb symptoms of my anxiety and panic disorder so that I don't have to take the anxiety medication I am prescribed as much, which often makes me sleepier than a hemp-derived supplement... to helping with much more serious medical concerns like the hyperemesis gravidarum I was diagnosed with while pregnant with my last child. Hemp products saved my child's life, as I was severely dehydrated and malnourished. It was only after I was recommended a hemp supplement by a medical professional that I was finally able to retain the water, food, and nourishment that my growing baby and I needed and did not need any more emergency room visits for the remainder of my pregnancy until I gave birth. I only wish I had tried it sooner as my body suffered very much all because of the stigma to CBD and THC products and thinking it would make me a bad person. My eyes were opened when someone said to me, "What's worse? Trying whatever it takes for the health and safety of your child, or caring about what a stranger might think of you?" I began working in the hemp industry in 2023, and in that short time I have since seen numerous people of different ages and walks of life who benefit from hemp-derived CBD and/or THC products. From young adult men using CBD and CBG for sports recovery, to elderly men and woman 65 years of age and up using THC to manage pain, arthritis, blood pressure and insomnia. I have heard verbal testimonies about how some of these products have helped and improved the quality of life so much so that they fear for their mental health and even safety at times if their medicine were to be banned and taken away from them. When they have tried all the options available to them through pharmaceuticals and found nothing that aids them the way CBD and/or THC does, hearing it might be taken away from them is a very, very scary thought. Treatment through the compassionate care act is either too expensive, inconvenient, unavailable or the products offered are weak and not of the best quality. People who need their medicine should not have to face even more barriers and obstacles to get it, especially when many of these people are dealing with psychological, neurological, pain, or financial issues making living life untreated difficult enough as is. Having access to safe, lab-tested products through responsible businesses provides adults with access to safe options to make their own choices with. A ban on THC will only push the market to the streets again, making illegal drug deals the only option for someone who just wants to have their medication to go about their day, go to work, etc. Texas should support farms, small businesses, and Texans' choice!

Jenny Leon
The residents of the state of Texas
Dallas, TX

I am an adult consumer of hemp products.
I use hemp products for chronic pain management.
I don't wish to be forced into the Compassionate Use Program — it's expensive and limited.
Hemp is already regulated by the state — we don't need more restrictions.
Texans believe in freedom and personal choice — these bills go against that.

Vanessa Butler
Self/legal asst
Waco, TX

I don't wish to be forced into the Compassionate Use Program — it's expensive and limited
Hemp is already regulated by the state — we don't need more restrictions
Texans believe in freedom and personal choice — these bills go against that

Sheretta Keeney
Self/ Smoke shop clerk Glass Phoenix
Waco, TX

These bills would be devastating to Texas business owners, workers, and the Texas economy. Please vote no on SB3 and HB28 and do not punish legal businesses in Texas.

Megan Robertson
Sacred Leaf Conroe
Spring, TX

I would Like to oppose SB 3. If this where to pass, this would not only be detrimental to me and my family but for all of our clients and customers. We are a licensed Hemp Retailer and have been since 2018. We educate, and help so many people in the community. We also follow all licensing requirements. We have our own policy as a brand to never sell to minors, we ID even though the licensing agency doesn't require us too. We pride ourselves in being transparent to our customers with lab tested, clean products that would never harm them. Nothing ever has. We are deeply disturbed that this bill is even being brought as a possibility in our industry as all of the accusations Mr Perry has said are simply untrue and extremely hurtful to be accused of such things. He has scared several of our customers, they are panicking. They look to us for help, we are able to help with the current Hemp Business License we are under. We will no longer be able to if this passes. Yes we want age restriction and agree minors should not be able to purchase THC products. Lets focus on that and educating. Educating is so important, this is why people come to us. Please reconsider and don't let this pass. This would close everyone down that's in the hemp industry, causing also enormous losses for the state as well. More importantly, the health of our customers which is the most important to me and my family. This is why I do what I do daily, help others live better each and every day with our products. Please keep Hemp Legal, the full plant and all cannabinoids. They all serve a purpose and works best if all cannabinoids are present in the products. Thank you for your time.

Meghan Casper
Self
Grand Prairie, TX

As a Texas worker in the hemp industry, I strongly oppose HB28 and SB3. These bills would devastate an industry that supports over 50,000 jobs and generates nearly \$10 billion in revenue for our state. While I support reasonable regulation for consumer safety, these bills are overreaching and regressive.

Texans overwhelmingly support open access to cannabis. It's evident with the overwhelming landslide victories in major cities to decriminalize cannabis for personal use. Instead of tearing down a thriving sector, I urge you to collaborate on smart, balanced policy.

Please vote NO on these harmful bills.

Matthew Rodriguez

Self

Bulverde, TX

Hemp Product Ban SB3 & HB28

Dear Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill that would ban the sale of hemp products. Over the past few years, I have personally relied on these supplements to support my well-being, managing pain, anxiety, sleep issues, and overall health. These products have allowed me to avoid prescription medications that often come with unwanted side effects.

I understand that some oppose hemp-derived products, but I want to emphasize the real and tangible benefits they provide. Through careful research and personal experience, I have become an advocate for hemp-based solutions, helping friends and family discover relief they otherwise wouldn't have found. My wife, once skeptical, now thanks God for the sleep support hemp provides. My mother in law, who was initially fearful, cannot deny the relief it has given her joint pain. My brother has found it invaluable in managing the severity of his panic attacks, and I have personally experienced its ability to ease muscle spasms from an old injury.

More and more people in my life are beginning to see firsthand what these products can do for their health. If this bill passes, those of us who depend on hemp for relief will be forced back into less effective and often more harmful alternatives. While I acknowledge that some may use these products recreationally, that does not justify stripping away the rights of responsible users. If substances like alcohol—widely accepted despite their well-documented harm—remain legal, why should safe and beneficial hemp products be banned? I have never known anyone whose life was ruined by hemp, but I cannot say the same for alcohol or prescription drugs.

I urge you to consider the voices of those who rely on these products for genuine health benefits. I would be more than willing to speak before a committee or any group willing to listen in order to defend this right. As a law-abiding citizen, a college graduate, a business owner, a homeowner, and most importantly, a provider for my family, I believe my voice—and the voices of many others—deserve to be heard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew

Corinna Martinez

Self, business owner

Edinburg, TX

I fully agree these products all be regulated and shouldn't be in the hands of people under 21. At the same time I do not believe outlawing it is the way to go. We can work together to make it efficient and safe on both ends. I as a business co owner of a dispensary see firsthand how much these products help people. People ranging from veterans to handicapped people to others like my grandmother with cancer who uses help tinctures to help with her pains and appetite.

Joevan Rodriguez

Self

Pasadena, TX

Do not pass. Not supported

Johanna Nuding

Self

Lockhart, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3 by Perry!

Jack Reaves
self/retired
Richardson, TX
I Support SB 3

Stephanie Almanza
Self
Dalllas, TX

Tax it's clearly worked in other states

Elizabeth Pouw
New Heights
Killeen, TX

Comment Opposing SB3 and HB28

As a Texan and supporter of small businesses, I strongly oppose SB3 and HB28.

These bills threaten the legal hemp industry in our state—an industry built on the backs of hardworking entrepreneurs who are following current regulations, creating jobs, and providing safe, tested alternatives to adult consumers.

Instead of rushing to restrict or ban products, we should be focused on common sense regulations that ensure safety, transparency, and responsible access—without crushing small businesses or sending jobs and tax revenue out of Texas.

Please stand with the thousands of Texas workers, veterans, farmers, and patients who rely on this industry. I've witnessed first hand the effects of these products and how they help people. Please Say no to SB3 and HB28.

Let's work together to create smart policy that protects consumers and supports economic freedom in our state.

Angela Stephens
Self
Plainview, TX

Please don't make hemp illegal. I am a 55 year old woman. I have had 5 surgeries in 2 years. One surgery removed 85% of my stomach. THCA gummies are the only way I can keep food down. The gummies also help me sleep and regulate my mood. If I can't get gummies, my life will be miserable. I will be forced to drive to New Mexico or Colorado and I don't want to break the law.

Michelle Trevino

Self

Austin, TX

Dear legislator

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation concerning the banning of hemp in Texas, specifically Bills hb28. As a citizen deeply invested in the welfare of our state, I believe that the prohibition of hemp would have profound negative impacts on our economy, environment, and the rights of Texan farmers and consumers.

****Economic Impact****: Hemp has emerged as a vital crop for many Texas farmers. It offers various economic benefits, including diversification of agricultural products, job creation in both farming and processing sectors, and potential for export opportunities. Implementing a ban on hemp would hinder economic growth in rural communities that stand to benefit from this resilient crop. Beyond agriculture, the hemp industry has promising applications in textiles, construction, biofuels, and health products, contributing to Texas maintaining its competitive edge in innovative markets.

****Environmental Sustainability****: Hemp is widely regarded as a sustainable crop with a lower environmental footprint compared to many traditional crops. It requires less water, no pesticides, and can improve soil health through its deep root systems and broad leaves. By banning hemp, Texas would miss an opportunity to embrace a crop that supports sustainable agricultural practices and fosters environmental conservation.

****Consumer Rights and Health****: The growing interest in hemp and hemp-derived products, including CBD, reflects a shift toward natural and holistic approaches to health and wellness. Many Texans have benefited from legal access to these products, and banning hemp would restrict consumer choice, potentially limiting access to beneficial health supplements that many find useful.

****Legal Confusion and Implementation Challenges****: The landscape surrounding hemp has vastly changed since the 2018 Farm Bill, which legalized hemp cultivation federally. Banning hemp in Texas would only create confusion among farmers and consumers regarding regulations and compliance. Instead of imposing bans, our lawmakers should focus on creating a supportive framework that allows for responsible farming and commerce in hemp products.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the far-reaching implications of Bills hb28 on Texas farmers, consumers, and the economy as a whole. I request that you stand against these bills and instead support policies that harness the potential of hemp as a valuable agricultural resource. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope for your support in fostering a thriving hemp industry in Texas.

Dear legislator

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation concerning the banning of hemp in Texas, specifically Bills SB3. As a citizen deeply invested in the welfare of our state, I believe that the prohibition of hemp would have profound negative impacts on our economy, environment, and the rights of Texan farmers and consumer

Gabriela Duarte

Self

San Antonio, TX

I do not support SB3 because this bill will create the largest marijuana black market in the country. This bill will do nothing but empower the cartels to take back the marijuana market and we already know that products from the cartels are at the highest risk of containing the deadly substance known as fentanyl. We already have enough deaths from fentanyl laced pills amongst teens and young adults, we don't need to risk even more deaths and overdoses from cartel manufactured fentanyl laced marijuana. Total prohibition never works. Regulation is possible and the safest measure for hemp thc substances. Do not pass this bill if you truly care about the well being of Texans.

Hayley Adams
"Self" Homemaker
Houston, TX

The government should be focusing law enforcement towards actually violent crime, rapes and murders. The people want to police to focus on what matters. Hemp products do not matter to the majority of Texan citizens. An overwhelming amount of us want cannabinoids to be legalized. This is a waste of resources and money.

Michael Shelton
Self
Austin, TX

Our great state touts freedom and democracy, and prohibition has already been tried - and failed.

There is very little benefit to a complete ban on these products, but those of us who struggle with anxiety, pain, or other ailments want a way to be able to have easy and inexpensive access to non narcotic cannabinoid products. The regulation and tax potential could be a positive revenue generator for our state.

Please do not allow this bill to pass.

Natalia Bogner
Self
Spring, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. I believe these regulated products can provide a medicinal use for those who use it properly.

Christian Wusterhausen
Self
Seguin, TX

I think the legalization of hemp should be allowed. It has many medicinal properties, whereas alcohol is legal and causes many deaths and health issues yearly. Hemp is a natural medicine that can be used to help Parkinson's, chronic seizures and many other issues. Please re think this.

Peyton Pimlott
Self
Arlington, TX

Keep these products on the market with stricter rules and regulations focusing on safe consumption and use.

Keileigh Backlund
self
Seguin, TX

These legislations are incredibly out of date and ancient for the society we live in today. This is not about protecting our children, it's about your control over the Texas people. We have spoke out about it time and time again, it's time for our government to actually represent us. It's absolutely ridiculous that state after state can have successful outcomes and benefits for the regulation of Marijuana but Texas still can't get it together.

Colin Eeds
self
Gilmer, TX

Nonsense bill. Cannabis and hemp have proven over and over to be medically helpful in many cases. The decision by Patrick to eliminate this is harmful to Texans. The medical use act that is currently in Texas is not adequate. It needs to be opened to more conditions and available if hemp is being eliminated. This will also destroy and force the closure of almost 8,000 small businesses and over 50,000 jobs. The choice by more than 70% of Texans, in some studies, and well over a majority of Texans in other studies, support a full legalization of the plant. n Genesis 1:29, God states that He has given humans "every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that has fruit with seed in it". Cannabis and Hemp are both seed bearing. By keeping this plant illegal, you are publicly stating that God is fallible. God is infallible in every way. This plant was given to us by God to cure conditions, help those in need, and provide comfort. Please do the right thing and vote against this bill. Listen to those that voted to send you to Austin, please.

Jaylen Manuel
Uproar Distribution
Houston, TX

I oppose

Patrick Lourde
Self
Austin, TX

My job as a tax paying lifelong Texas resident will be no more if this passes. I implore you to please reconsider. The sale of hemp consumables generates millions of dollars every year in sales tax revenue for the state of Texas

Jo Witte
Self
Houston, TX

I oppose this. Hemp and hemp-derived cannabinoids have helped many people manage pain and is much less dangerous than opioids and other pharmaceutical drugs that can be addictive and destructive. This industry also brings in countless jobs for Texans and this bill can ruin livelihoods.

Mykel Darrough
Uproar Distribution
Houston, TX

I oppose.

Judith Nisenson
Self
Houston, TX

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Jose Juarez, Jr
Self
San antonio, TX

Against it!!!

Tram Christy Nguyen

Self

Houston, TX

NO

Winston Palmer

Self

Pasadena, TX

Awfully un-American. Anyone supporting this is short sighted/ignorant or malicious. Healthy money could be made to stimulate economy like every smart state that

Amber Cooper

self veterans small business

Brownsboro, TX

As a Texan and supporter of small businesses, I strongly oppose SB3 and HB28.

These bills threaten the legal hemp industry in our state—an industry built on the backs of hardworking entrepreneurs who are following current regulations, creating jobs, and providing safe, tested alternatives to adult consumers.

Instead of rushing to restrict or ban products, we should be focused on common sense regulations that ensure safety, transparency, and responsible access—without crushing small businesses or sending jobs and tax revenue out of Texas.

Please stand with the thousands of Texas workers, veterans, farmers, and patients who rely on this industry. Say no to SB3 and HB28.

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Mackenzie Drever

Self

Pearland, TX

It is ridiculous Texas has not legalized marijuana yet. I oppose this bill and any bills that jeopardize the legitimacy of Marijuana and its medicinal benefits. I think the pocket of Texas politicians are possibly being influenced by lobbyists and/or organizations that oppose the legalization of marijuana due to threat of financial loss in revenue competing with marijuana. Medical and recreational marijuana use has drastically improved the lives of numerous Texas constituents. Individuals spanning from veterans with PTSD, cancer patients, epilepsy patients, or overworked people who had an arduous week and want to unwind safely and calmly without alcohol, tobacco, or pharmaceutical drugs. It's asinine big tobacco and the alcohol industry are rampantly available at the age of 21 for young adults. However, a Navy Seal veteran with severe PTSD cannot access a marijuana joint without criminal or legal ramifications. Big Pharma and a failing healthcare system, should not be the only options for Texans. I would much rather prefer a hungry stoner or occasional joint smoker over an angry drunk or cigarette chainsmoker.

Elizabeth Rodriguez

self

Laredo, TX

Public Comment Opposing SB 3

As a Texas resident and someone with personal experience using hemp-derived products for my own wellness, I strongly oppose SB 3. This bill would severely limit access to important plant-based options that many of us depend on for relief, especially those of us who choose natural alternatives over pharmaceuticals.

Health freedom matters. People deserve safe, legal access to cannabinoids beyond just CBD and CBG. For some of us, minor cannabinoids like delta-8 or others have made a real difference in managing pain, anxiety, and sleep—without turning to addictive or harmful prescriptions.

I understand and support protecting youth, but let's be honest: if a teenager wants to experiment, prohibition hasn't stopped them before. What this bill will do is hurt responsible adults and small businesses who are doing things legally and safely. Instead of blanket bans, let's focus on stronger regulation, education, age restrictions, and clear labeling.

Texans should not be punished for choosing wellness through hemp. I urge you to oppose SB 3 and find a more balanced path forward.

Dylan Marshall

Self owner of Cbd Store

Belton, TX

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Travis Pinkerton

The USVA

Round Rock, TX

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Jabal Rosas

Self

Waco, TX

Keep it legal!

Sebastian Saiz, Mr.

Self

San Marcos, TX

I feel consumable hemp should be allowed to be sold. They are used for a lot of health reasons. Just not sold illegally.

Sarah Hobson

Self - consultant serving public agencies

Austin, TX

Thank you I advance for reading my message. I am your constituent.

Reversing the current access to hemp products will have a substantial impact on public health, public mental health, and the workforce. With appropriate regulation in place, hemp is no more harmful to minors than the sale of alcohol.

Please do not eliminate access to hemp products for the reasons I mentioned above.

Rachel Wells, MS, LPCA

Self

Universal city, TX

I oppose. Cannabis saved my mother from cancer, helps me with pain and mobility with my spinal cord deformity. One day rules will be established under empirical evidence - listening to what gov officials say, the ignorance in the science behind cannabinoids is clear. I have dedicated over a decade to mental health, cannabis, and fungi. With these years of experience, I have seen THOUSANDS of clients and have an innumerable amount of testimonials that show the efficacy of this sacred medicine that has been used for eons. I have helped immobile people (both physically and psychologically) get out of bed and live their life thriving. I've help establish education to veterans suffering from suicidal ideation across Texas, specifically San Antonio where the veteran population is prevalent and significant. I've helped children with neurodivergence, seizures, and panic disorders. I could go on for hours with the benefits of this plant and its parts. People are just going to go to the streets and other states because this is medicine. Categorizing cannabis among TABC is wild - do we do this with other medicinal substances? No, you shouldn't go to the liquor store for medicine. Someone who is educated should be admitting any type of psychoactive substance - even CBD/CBG due to lack of public knowledge of dosing properly.

Dylan Marshall

Self owner of small Hemp Business

Belton, TX

I oppose this bill in support of the original 2018 Farm Bill

Jabal Rosas

Self

Waco, TX

I oppose this. Please done follow through with this

Becky Teague

Self

WEATHERFORD, TX

I'm a 61 year old woman. I have terrible trouble sleeping. I tried several things to help but the only thing that I found to help me was using an Indica gummy. Please don't pass the ban. Thank you!!

Jordan Mayorga

Self / Smoke shop GM

San Marcos, TX

I make my rent, food, and entire living off of being the GM of my smoke shop. This bill would cause me to lose my job and change my entire life. The hemp we sell also benefits many many customers that are suffering from pain or recovering from stronger substances.

Alesis Lewis

self

Richardson, TX

Opposed.

Lyllandra Doelitzsch, Assistant Manager

Trippiez Smoke Shop

Austin, TX

There are already regulations in place that are being practiced and followed by smokeshops across Texas. All Hemp products contain links to their lab results on the products being sold so the consumer and seller knows what's being sold. At my place of employment, we do our due diligence to ensure our clients are receiving safe products and we keep our staff knowledgeable about all the products within the shop. So many people rely on these Hemp derived products to treat chronic pain and other illnesses in an affordable manner when they cannot afford to see a professional for help. The passing of this bill would also hurt the economy even more and could leave many without jobs because a large part of smokeshops revenue is from Hemp derived products. DO NOT PASS SB 3!!

James Rydberg

Self

Garland, TX

I oppose this bill. It's so regressive and dangerous.

Brandon Winborn

Self, agriculture

Houston, TX

I strongly oppose the ban on hemp, it would just create more degenerate illegal drug dealers, and the products that end up on the market would be less safe.

Blake Sistrunk

Self

Round Rock, TX

I vote no. This bill is unconscionable. Throw it out in its entirety.

Margaret Rodkey

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I am writing in opposition of this bill. This bill will cause far more harm than good. Per a recent poll by Baselice & Associates, 68% of Texans across both aisles do NOT want this bill to pass.

It will expand the black market and put dangerous alternatives on the streets. Not to mention the countless jobs and small businesses with good intentions that will be crushed.

Please say NO to SB3 and HB28 and put sensible regulations in place instead.

Billy Roberts

Me

Azle, TX

I support THC in Texas and I don't even use. Texas needs to step up in the times and quit living in the 60's.

Anna Saldivar

Self

Kyle, TX

This bill is very outdated and fuels old stereotypes that have existed for many years. The way cannabis is being regulated now should be applauded and warranted. Rather than have individuals who suffer from high functioning anxiety (such as myself), ptsd and other ailments resort to prescriptions that have long term affects on health. If Cannabis was FULLY regulated and recreational like states such as Florida, Colorado and California (etc) the amount of money the industry that could help fund education, Healthcare and many more things that the Great State of Texas would highly benefit from. This is natural medicine.

Caitlin Klueter

Self, Underwriter

Pflugerville, TX

As a resident of Texas and user of products from local small businesses, I do not support this bill. It is ridiculous that adults cannot make choices for themselves about what they consume. These products have helped me manage anxiety and overall improved my well-being since becoming legalized at the current levels. I know there are many people who know more about the details of the safety and efficacy of help products who are fighting and speaking up about this to make sure Texans can still have safe and legal access, so I will let them do their jobs, but did feel the need to speak out about how strongly I oppose this legislation that takes away jobs, tax income, and freedom of choice from of age citizens. This bill should not be allowed to become law.

John DOrtona

Self

Canyon Lake, TX

I oppose this bill and any ban on these use of hemp products. I am a disabled veteran that has used traditional medicine through pain clinics, nothing has worked long term other than Botox for migraines. Every other medication resulted in adverse effects with long term use. I use hemp products with delta 8 and have had excellent results. No lasting effects and can get results with very limited use for pain relief and as a sleep aid at times.

Amber Cox

Self

Lampasas, TX

SB3 will destroying the Texas Hemp industry. I don't believe we should go through a state regulated physician to access cbd/ hemp products. We need less government in our medical decisions. I agree that children under 21 shouldn't be able to access the product but with a ban you punish the whole state for no reason. If you look at the statistics, Texas has no hemp deaths compared to alcohol, tobacco, and fentanyl.

Sydni Kimbell

Self

Boerne, TX

I am writing to express strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3), which would drastically restrict access to hemp-derived cannabinoids in Texas, harming patients, families, and small businesses across the state.

I began my journey in this industry through a San Antonio veteran who created a hemp-based wellness business to support others struggling with PTSD, anxiety, and chronic pain. Since then, I have worked with thousands of Texans — veterans, teachers, parents, and seniors — who use these products as safe and effective alternatives to pharmaceutical drugs.

Hemp-derived cannabinoids like CBD and Delta-8 have helped people manage conditions such as cancer-related pain, fibromyalgia, insomnia, ADHD, and anxiety. These products are not recreational for most — they are critical tools for wellness and survival. A 2022 JAMA study confirms this, showing significant pain reduction in chronic sufferers using cannabinoids, with minimal side effects. Meanwhile, 60% of CBD users report taking it for anxiety, and over 50% for pain or sleep (Forbes Health, 2021).

SB3 would effectively eliminate access to these products and dismantle a growing industry that supports thousands of Texas jobs. It also punishes law-abiding businesses who are already doing the right thing: using third-party lab testing, age restrictions, and transparent labeling to ensure consumer safety.

Prohibition has never worked. What it does is force a market underground, resulting in unregulated, synthetic, and potentially dangerous products — the exact opposite of what Texans deserve. If SB3 passes, we will see more black-market activity, more risk to consumers, and a greater burden on law enforcement and public health systems.

As a small business owner and a mother, I want safety and clarity — not criminalization. This bill would endanger public trust, threaten economic freedom, and deny access to natural wellness alternatives that improve lives.

We don't need fear-based policy. We need thoughtful, informed regulation that distinguishes between safe, compliant products and harmful, synthetic ones. Texas should be leading the way in innovation — not taking options away from its people.

Please reject SB3 and work with small businesses, healthcare advocates, veterans, and community leaders to craft responsible legislation that protects both the public and the future of this industry.

Carolyn Wheeler

self

Pearland, TX

Allowing people to have the freedom to purchase these products can be beneficial for health reasons. I agree with regulation and taxing for benefit for the state

Roger Pilney

Roger Pilney CEO Radix House Coffee

Austin, TX

I have sold and invested everything I had to help people with PTSD like me. We have helped thousands of people find empowerment where other resources fall too short. We have been awarded many times for what we do in our community and for mental health awareness, we spoke at on State Capitol ground as a keynote speaker for the Administration for For Suicide Prevention.

The reason I did this was to help others hopefully stay alive as these products had done for me. We followed available laws and regulations and the advice of legal counsel. I didn't pay myself for years, while living with my Mom, to help my business be stable. We have created many jobs, donated to our local schools and have strict policies for who can access our products.

We are disheartened to see no efforts to reduce alcohol and gun deaths while focusing so much on something helping so many. I have spent decades very active in the recovery community, over 30 years without a drink, and watched so many with PTSD die because they didn't have an effective tool to help with their dysregulation. I don't propose banning the alcohol industry because I am a sober alcoholic, nor do I cast blame for my PTSD, mental health, or other issues on that product. We also don't have an accessible healthcare system where anyone can get help. When you do go to an ER, folks are often treated as "pill shoppers" looking for a buzz and not looking for help. And what about all the talk about helping Veteran constituents?

We sought to have regulations and what you present are gates to very limited products serving few to no one and inaccessible by so few people other than big business and big donors. So, this will crush us and then the State fills the vacuum with the big donor companies. Also, doing this as the economy is so hard for so many. None of this makes sense.

If I felt begging for my life would matter, I would. I almost died before opening this business through accidental overdose of prescribed medications for my conditions now addressed with our products, medications I will have to return to without this market. Sadly, a born and raised Texan who even had his honeymoon in San Antonio, the son of a WWII and Vietnam Veterans, is losing faith in my home State. I hope you will reconsider these views and have empathy for people like me who will lose the reason I am still alive fighting my own mental health battles.

Respectfully,
Roger W. Pilney

Reynaldo Reyes
Self
San Antonio, TX

I believe this would affect the way the hemp industry operates and how it creates jobs. I feel it is deeply out of touch with Texans.

Marissa Morales
Self - CCR
Baytown, TX

This is to oppose SB3. This will purposefully hurt thousands to millions of Texans who are not only in need of these products medicinally but also in need of their jobs to support their households.

Amy Tones
Self
Kennedale, TX
Strongly oppose

Jennifer colely
Self dental field
Dickinson, TX
Strongly disagree

Brian Warden
Myself
Manchaca, TX

I oppose sb3 I do not want to go backwards in time

chelsea mikeska
self
blieblerville, TX
i oppose

Diana Torres, Ms.
Self
Waco, TX

After nearly 5 years of working at a certified CBD store in Waco, I have seen first hand the positive impact our products have had on our customers. Moms, dads, veterans, teachers, nurses, business owners/professionals, Church members, grandparents and pets have been able to experience a better quality of life with our products after their prescriptions medications failed them. I have seen father's stop the cycle of alcoholism with the use of our products and they tell me how they have become a better husband to their wives, a better father to their children because they are present for them and have the sober and cognitive ability to understand their past behaviors and self correct their actions, they have become better men. Mother's that are overwhelmed managing work life, their home life and children, have a way to stay calm, present and focused. Veterans experiencing PTSD and cannot sleep are able to finally rest, calm their minds and ease their pains and traumas from the battle fields as they fought for our safety and freedom. Customers have told me how their elderly pets seem to revert back to a puppy, running through their house/yard, being able to jump and no longer laying around and crying out in pain. Their pets are calm during storms, able to be groomed and have fewer seizures with CBD/THC blend in pet products. Several customers dealing with a family member's suicide or natural cause of death have found a way to cope with their loss and eventually find a sense of peace. I have benefited from our products after a severe knee injury and fall. When I was overcome with grief from the passing of my oldest brother, our products allowed me to cope with the struggles of losing him and the uncertainty of each day of the pandemic. Adult children caring for a parent with dementia or Alzheimer's have found relief for their parent at night during "sundown" time and is able to relax and calm them down in a safe way. Parents of Autistic children are able to calm down and focus their child on their daily tasks. Hemp derived products, CBD and Deltas, have given SO MANY a better quality of life with no fears of addiction. By definition, an addiction is when a substance is used and causes a person to engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences. CBD works with our body's endocannabinoid system to balance us out when we are out of balance due to stress and traumatic experiences. When hemp products are altered to a synthetic form, such as THCP and THCO is when negative experiences occur. Customers have told me their stories of trying synthetic products from random gas stations and smoke shops that had no labeling on the packages. After trying our natural derived and certified hemp products they mentioned how it's different, in a good way, and will only buy from us because they trust the products. Banning THC is not the solution. Regulation and certification is needed for CBD and Delta products for our safety.

Elizabeth Renfroe
Self
Georgetown, TX

I Elizabeth Renfroe Oppose SB3 and HB28 as they are detrimental to not only thousands that count on these products but our economy. I personally use hemp-derived products for managing my ataxia without hemp products I wouldn't be able to be a productive member of society I am! Please don't take my medication. Thank you

Jagus gimple

Texas hill country vape and smoke

austin, TX

Dear legislator

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation concerning the banning of hemp in Texas, specifically Bills SB3. As a citizen deeply invested in the welfare of our state, I believe that the prohibition of hemp would have profound negative impacts on our economy, environment, and the rights of Texan farmers and consumers.

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In conclusion, I urge you to consider the far-reaching implications of Bills SB3 on Texas farmers, consumers, and the economy as a whole. I request that you stand against these bills and instead support policies that harness the potential of hemp as a valuable agricultural resource. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope for your support in fostering a thriving hemp industry in Texas.

Nicholas Lombardi

self

Leander, TX

I am in opposition to the bill. Senate Bill 3 doesn't make sense. Many people use these products daily to treat their medical problems that may not fall under the Texas Compassionate Use Program. And despite what Charles Perry says, these products are not deadly. Data proves that THC is not deadly, and as a matter of fact, has no deaths linked to THC. This bill also goes against Texas values of freedom. Shutting down these businesses will cost more than regulating the system. Increased unemployment, decrease in sales taxes, and thousands of stores shutting down. This bill does not make sense in the financial and logical world. Politicians do not know our bodies and our health more than we do, and they should not be governing our right to choose. Thank you.

Katelynn Reeves, Warehouse manager

WyattPurp

Fort Worth, TX

Standing with the community to not ban hemp, we are a community who this helps in our daily living.

Hannah Simpson
Self, retail manager
Austin, TX

I strongly OPPOSE this bill

Vincent Escareno
self and im a dallas resident with autism
Dallas, TX

i believe the hemp consumables production can be regulated with proper medical and recreational regulation and identification i believe we can work this out as of someone who has autism i noticed a big difference in how many businesses has opened and created alot of job opportunities for my community and they all function as it would be a bar or a liquor store please hear our voices and do the right thing

Roman Morris
Self
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Scott Stubbs, Partner

SUBLINGWELL

Kemah, TX

Dear Senator Perry,

Please take a pause on removing access from Texas Veterans, Elderly and citizens who have enjoyed the federally legal consumable hemp program for over 5 years. Let us properly install regulation of the 3 pillars of safety with an age gate, proper packaging not for children and proper safety testing. All programs can coexist. Please register my vote as a no to sb3 and hb28. Thank you

Miranda Gentile

Self

San Antonio, TX

Good morning, my name is Miranda, and I am the owner of a retail establishment specializing in THCA, CBD, and hemp products. As a hands-on business owner, I have had the privilege of building personal relationships with my diverse client base, ranging in age from 25 to over 70.

My clients seek alternative solutions for various health concerns, including pharmaceutical dependence, alcoholism, insomnia, anxiety, stress, and appetite issues. I have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of our products on their well-being, with numerous testimonials attesting to the relief they have experienced.

In light of recent discussions surrounding regulation, I strongly believe that while some oversight is necessary, a complete ban would have far-reaching and devastating consequences. It would not only jeopardize the livelihoods of numerous individuals employed within our industry but also undermine the health and well-being of our community members who rely on these products.

Furthermore, a ban would inevitably drive individuals back to illicit markets, reigniting a host of associated problems. I urge policymakers to consider the real-world implications of their decisions and to work towards finding a balanced solution that promotes public safety while preserving access to these beneficial products .

Thank you for your time

Jeremy Witt

Self

Bellville, TX

Regulate and tax this industry, do not ban it. The state could benefit greatly from working with this industry to set up regulations and a specific tax policy. Banning it will just encourage an actually dangerous black market to creep back up, it will also create even more unemployed than what we currently have. Texans have spoken by creating this industry with their wallets, please listen to them.

Jonathan Elizalde

Self

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Matthew Champion

Self

Austin, TX

Hi All,

I was in the queue to testify against SB 3, but had to depart for work and to pick up my oldest from school.

I'm a Native Texan that has lived and worked in our state for a number of decades and I urge you to vote against this bill and HB 28.

Hemp consumables have changed my life for the better in the past 6 years and helped my mental health immensely.

They help me with OCD, stress, depression, and reducing my alcohol consumption significantly.

Please don't vote to make me a "criminal" in my home state just for looking after my mental health and being the best dad and husband I can be to my family.

I agree that our kids need to be protected, but a ban is not the answer. Regulation is needed to protect the freedoms of millions of adult Texans who use these products for their beneficial results.

I take these at night in the privacy and safety of my own home after my daughters have gone to bed and they help me incredibly.

When I relied heavily on alcohol for stress relief, my wife would sometimes have sleepless nights wondering when and how I'd be getting home and it was unpredictable and even scary at times. Since I've started taking THC, we haven't had to worry about that once and I'm right where I should be at night, at home with my family and my girls.

If I ever take them while out, I treat the situation just like I would with alcohol and I Uber so I'm not behind the wheel.

I appreciate this opportunity and thank you for considering my testimony.

Matthew Champion

TX resident for 30+ years

Brandon Georgie

Self Computer/Server Technician

Victoria, TX

Passing this bill will be a devastating blow to both the Texas economy and the hearts of Texans who are tired of government overreach. Please consider the families who's loved ones lives have been saved and extended by hemp products. Moving out-of-state for hemp medicine is not practical for most families.

Jenna White

self

San Marcos, TX

Dear Senator Perry,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB 3), introduced by Senator Perry, which proposes a prohibition on hemp and hemp-derived products in the state of Texas. As a concerned citizen and advocate for sustainable economic growth, I believe this legislation would carry significant negative consequences for our state's economy, environment, and the rights of both consumers and agricultural producers.

Economic Consequences

Hemp has become a crucial crop for many farmers across Texas, providing an avenue for economic diversification, job creation, and rural development. The industry supports not only agricultural workers, but also processors, retailers, and entrepreneurs in emerging markets such as textiles, bio-construction, and health products. Enacting a ban would effectively dismantle an industry that has brought innovation and opportunity to communities across the state, particularly in rural areas that rely heavily on agricultural resilience.

Environmental Sustainability

From an environmental standpoint, hemp is a low-impact crop that requires less water, no pesticides, and contributes to soil health. In an era where sustainable farming practices are more important than ever, removing hemp as an option would be a step backward. Texas has the opportunity to lead in climate-resilient agriculture—and hemp is a key part of that future.

Public Health and Consumer Choice

The popularity of hemp-derived products, especially CBD, reflects a growing demand for alternative health and wellness solutions. Many Texans benefit from access to these products for managing stress, sleep, and other wellness needs. Restricting access would not only limit consumer choice, but may also force people to turn to unregulated sources, undermining public health protections.

Regulatory Clarity and Alignment

Since the federal legalization of hemp through the 2018 Farm Bill, states across the country have worked to develop frameworks that support both compliance and economic opportunity. Banning hemp in Texas would create unnecessary confusion and complexity for farmers, businesses, and consumers. A more productive approach would be to strengthen oversight and enforcement against bad actors, while preserving the legal market for reputable growers and manufacturers.

In closing, I respectfully urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3. Rather than taking steps to eliminate a promising industry, Texas should embrace the opportunity to lead in responsible hemp cultivation, regulation, and innovation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jenna White

William Wilson, Mr.

Self/Retired

Cypress, TX

Members of the Committee, please read our comments. I am a resident of Cypress, Texas, a retired National Bank Examiner, and an Army Veteran. I reside in District 130. My wife is a retired school teacher. My wife and I would very much appreciate your support of Senator Perry's SB 3. We strongly believe SB 3 should pass and know Lt. Governor Patrick is supporting this bill. Our young adults and teens must be protected from these dangerous THC products! Thank you, William C. Wilson

Christy Spanton

Self and Haus of Jayne (Co-founder of Hemp Boutique Dispensary)

Dripping Springs, TX

To the Members of the Texas House of Representatives,

As both a consumer and a business owner in the legal hemp industry, I am writing to express strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB3) as currently proposed.

The passing of this bill would destroy the legal hemp industry in Texas—an industry that has not only provided wellness solutions to thousands of Texans but also generated more than \$8 billion in revenue last year. That revenue supports small businesses, provides jobs, and helps fund state and local programs. Eliminating access to full-spectrum hemp products would be a catastrophic blow to this growing sector.

This bill would also deeply harm Texas farmers and the broader agricultural economy. After years of compliance and investment under the 2019 hemp legalization, Texas growers stand to lose everything—not due to bad practices, but due to policy overreach. The consequences of SB3 would devastate our state's agricultural future in hemp.

Let me be clear: Texans will not stop using hemp-derived products if SB3 passes. Instead, they will turn to out-of-state vendors or unregulated black-market sources. This not only takes business and tax dollars away from Texas—it increases the risk to public safety by encouraging use of products without any testing or oversight.

It is also important to note that many Texans turn to full-spectrum hemp as a therapeutic alternative, especially those who cannot afford or do not qualify for the state's limited TCUP medical cannabis program. These products are a vital part of personal wellness for veterans, parents, seniors, and everyday working Texans. Taking that away, without providing an accessible alternative, is both short-sighted and harmful.

Instead of banning access, Texas should be focused on strengthening consumer protections, enforcing manufacturing standards, and supporting small businesses who are operating transparently and responsibly under the law.

We urge you to reconsider this legislation and work with stakeholders—including farmers, retailers, processors, and patients—to build a regulatory framework that prioritizes safety, access, and economic opportunity.

Sincerely,

Christy Spanton

Texas Resident, Consumer, and Small Business Owner

Archer Edelman

self

San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3 and the ban of THC in Texas. It infringes our right to choose.

Brian Dobbins

Self

Houston, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3. I am in support of common sense regulation; age-gating, up-to-date and approved COAs, in-state testing, truth in labeling and packaging, and keeping adult-use items out of the hands of children. I am for keeping good actors safe and creating regulation to destroy bad actors. Thank you.

Archer Edelman

self

San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3 and the ban of THC in Texas. It infringes our right to choose.

Hunter Hopper

Self

Amarillo, TX

I oppose SB3! This would affect the lively hoods of those benefiting from hemp medicinally! Please reconsider! Alcohol is more harmful than hemp! Please do further research before taking away hemp and hemp derived products!

William Teague

Self college student

Weatherford, TX

It is a terrible bill. I vote no. It would do nothing but harm.

Brandon Gilliland

Self

Glen rose, TX

I am completely against this heinous Bill! This s a waste of tax payer dollars and you should be ashamed of yourself.

Chad Walker

Self

Magnolia, TX

Please leave it alone. I use hemp for my PTSD and insomnia and anxiety. I have been able to cut my medication in half since

Greg Passmore

Self

Buda, TX

Criminalizing activities willingly engaged in by mutually consenting parties for their own perceived benefits has no place anywhere that considers itself a "free" state, such as Texas. Unless Texas has somehow become the CCP or Venezuela while I wasn't looking. If the argument is that the state must protect its citizens from themselves, I can't imagine how they could have done any worse at protecting my father and all his brothers from serious health complications and untimely deaths due to the use of alcohol and tobacco. They and thousands of others year over year suffer complications and deaths from these substances, yet for some reason the legislators are apparently blind to this. Or perhaps they may argue that my family members used those substances irresponsibly. Nevertheless, they were free to use them in the way they chose, irresponsible or not. There is no conceivable way to apply "protection" logic to hemp products, which have ZERO documented cases of death or harm, when much more dangerous, and verifiably so, products are on the market. Again, if protection is the goal, the top 50 most dangerous LEGAL pharmaceutical products should be a four alarm bell priority as they are responsible for hundreds of thousands of deaths every year, not to mention serious adverse reactions. The level of hypocrisy on display here in regards to hemp products, which are used to great effect in multitudes of ways to benefit quality of life while causing virtually no harm is staggering. In regard to harm and quality of life goes, has there been any consideration of the economic challenges and stresses of criminalizing people who have invested their labor and resources in building businesses that provide products to consumers who voluntarily buy them. It's impossible to predict the level of devastation the great state of Texas will be raining down on a significant number of those it is sworn to protect, but it is clear that the cost, economically and in terms of overall health and quality of life, will be exponentially higher than whatever perceived "harm" (again none documented) that may be caused by the use of hemp. The argument for protection is so glaringly hypocritical, and self contradictory, it is plain to see there is something else at play here in terms of motivation. The fact that this abomination of a bill is even being submitted is a sad day for anyone who has imagine they live in the "land of the free." We should take a moment to bow our heads in reverence for those who have died in the last hundred years in the fight against communism, and reflect on how we could have come to this place. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness were still in the Declaration of Independence the last time I checked. I suggest the legislators take time to review that document.

Nicoletti Ramos

Willies cbd shop

Waco, TX

This would ruin so many lives, it's completely uncalled for. I strongly oppose this bill.

Kyle Davison

Self

New Braunfels, TX

Government regulation rarely makes anything better. I'd prefer the citizens have the right to dictate for themselves what they would like to allow in their society rather than having a group of mostly faceless politicians make said decisions for us.

Regulate the sale of hemp, fine, but stripping people of the ability to make decisions for ourselves is oppressive. This is Texas, not California with all of their authoritarianism.

martin wampler

Alternative Health CBD

SAN ANTONIO, TX

Thank you for your attention on the SB3. I will keep it brief so you know this is unfiltered and true. I am a CBD store owner that like many responsible for CBD/Hemp small business have made our mission for holistic self care with following all rules and regulations that separates us from tainted shops. Have a conversation with the legit store owners and find out how much the CBD business can benefit Texas infrastructure and its healthy alternatives to pharma. I have been in this business since 2017 I have passion for the clean, pure and safe CBD/Hemp products. Customers are grateful and healthier with clean THC. I could go on but we know the house has heard many holistic stories about managing the publics pain, anxiety, inflammation and so on. The other spectrum is THCA products that are clean, lab tested, legit coa's and so forth. And yes THCA is for responsible adult use only. I am for regulations on proper COA, Tx registration, filing fees, QR coding, testing and penalties for the business that won't follow common sense practices that insure safety for consumers. Weed out the bad and lets make Texas prosperous again. With the house's guidance on helping the legit CBD business make the difference in a healthier tomorrow then anything is possible. Unfortunately a complete ban and unwarranted criminal offenses may be the next Texas Tea Party uprising. You really don't want to cause prohibition, black market, overwhelmed penal system, 50k+ job lost, potential state revenue not to mention your voting constituents. There is a sensible plan to ensure a safe Texas with CBD/Hemp so please find it and lets MAGA! Thank you for your time.

Marty Wampler

Alternative Health CBD

Owner/Founder

San Antonio, Tx

Andre Despres

Self

Austin, TX

Don't ban this.

Alexander Wong
Altruistic Laboratories
Seguin, TX

In Support of Regulatory Framework for the Hemp Industry
Texas House Committee,

My name is Alexander Wong. I bring over 30 years of experience in the cosmetic and nutritional manufacturing industry. In 2017, I transitioned into the hemp product sector—an industry I believed would soon adopt the rigorous regulatory standards I had long followed. While those regulations have been slow to take hold, I have never strayed from the principles of compliance and accountability that guided my earlier career.

From the beginning, I implemented FDA labeling standards as outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and ensured that all of my hemp products were regularly tested for potency and safety. My goal was, and remains, to uphold the same quality and consumer protection expectations required in more regulated industries.

Unfortunately, what I've observed over the years is troubling: many inexperienced manufacturers have entered the market without regard for proper labeling, intellectual property rights, or substantiated claims. Numerous small retailers have unknowingly sold products that do not meet even the most basic standards of safety or legality.

In Texas, rather than developing and enforcing a comprehensive regulatory framework. The state's approach has often been to propose outright bans on hemp products. This does nothing to protect consumers—it simply drives the market underground, where unregulated and unsafe products proliferate.

The science supporting the benefits of many naturally occurring compounds in hemp is robust. These products can offer real value to consumers when produced and sold responsibly. Regulation does not stifle innovation—it protects it. It ensures that manufacturers like myself, who are committed to transparency, quality, and consumer safety, can continue to operate and thrive. Without a regulatory body to oversee this industry, we risk allowing the worst actors to dominate, flooding the market with unsafe products and tarnishing the reputation of an entire field. Through regulation and inspection, we can elevate this industry and ensure that it serves the public good.

I have a deeply vested interest in the success and integrity of the hemp industry. I have invested my life's savings into building a company based on quality and trust. I urge this committee to consider the long-term benefits of regulation—not prohibition—and to implement policies that support responsible businesses and safeguard public health.

Respectfully,

Alexander Wong

Joey Pilant

Self

Austin, TX

I'm writing to express my deep frustration and disappointment with SB3 and the attempt to criminalize hemp-derived products in Texas. The bill's premise—that these products are somehow a threat to public health—is misleading at best and dangerously uninformed at worst. As a Texan, a small business owner, and someone who cares deeply about plant medicine, I can no longer stay quiet while our state demonizes something that has brought healing, opportunity, and innovation to so many.

Let's get the facts straight: there is zero credible evidence of anyone dying from hemp-derived THC products. None. Meanwhile, we allow alcohol, tobacco, and pharmaceutical opioids to be sold daily—products that have verifiably taken thousands of lives. If this is really about safety, then why is hemp the target?

The truth is, SB3 doesn't protect Texans—it protects special interests. It threatens small farmers, entrepreneurs, veterans who've found relief from PTSD, parents of children with epilepsy, and countless others who've benefited from hemp products when other options failed. The hemp industry in Texas has created jobs, encouraged local agriculture, and offered people a safe, regulated alternative to the untraceable black market. By attacking it, you're sending an entire economy and culture underground to untested, unsafe products. The hemp industry in Texas already does a great job providing test results and clean products

What's most frustrating is that this attack comes under the false guise of morality or public good. Hemp is already regulated. We're talking about legal products that go through testing, licensing, and compliance procedures. If the concern is about packaging or underage use, let's enforce smart regulation—not enact blanket bans that punish everyone, including those doing things the right way.

As someone building a small, solventless hash and rosin brand in Texas—completely compliant with state law—I can say this bill threatens not only my livelihood but the dreams of countless others who've invested time, passion, and care into this work. We're not some fly-by-night operations trying to skirt rules. We are Texans, just like you, trying to build something honest.

Please reconsider the path this bill takes these hemp businesses down. Criminalizing hemp won't make our communities safer—it'll make them poorer, sicker, and less free.

Abel Rodriguez, Mr.

Self

Portland, TX

As a veteran suffering from PTSD, THC helped me escape from a lifestyle of alcoholism. I was at my lowest and I almost took my own life. By going through with this ban, it would force many other people like me to turn back to alcohol, potentially ending our lives

Michael Socha

none

buda, TX

NO

Matthew Lauger

Self

Huntington, TX

A ban would let cartels back in texas and our streets more dangerous. Plus loss of economic revenues

erin socha

none

buda, TX

NO

Brandon Smith

Self

Pharr, TX

We the people

Dust Garcia

Self

Seguin, TX

As a veteran with PTSD cannabis helps me tremendously! I'm able to sleep better and sleep at all at night. Instead of becoming an alcoholic cannabis has helped me regulate my anger and control my moods. Safe and responsible adult who use cannabis to help their ailments shouldn't be criminalized for something that just grows. This state would make more money regulating and legalizing cannabis instead of criminalizing something that has helped millions of people.

Christa Moore

Myself

Tyler, TX

Please do not support this bill. Period. I shouldn't even have to explain myself. Under 18 cant get their hands on it any easier than cigarettes or booze. Stop taking away our ability to handle our own medical choices. AND IT IS A MEDICINE TO SOME OF US - ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US WHO DO NOT TRUST BIG PHARMA!

Jeffery Roberts

self

denton, TX

I oppose SB 3 because the hemp industry provides a natural and effective alternative to pharmaceuticals, giving people real options for how they choose to medicate. Beyond its medical benefits, this bill threatens the livelihood of thousands of hardworking Texans whose jobs depend on this growing industry.

SB 3 would not only harm public health and employment, but it would also strip millions in tax revenue from the state. The hemp industry contributes significantly to the Texas economy through sales taxes, licensing fees, and local business development. Shutting it down would mean less funding for schools, infrastructure, and essential public services.

This bill hurts our communities on every level—health, jobs, and the economy. I urge lawmakers to stand with Texas workers, small businesses, and patients by voting NO on SB 3

Luis Nunez

Texas patriots

Mesquite, TX

Please vote for the people not against Texas. It will be better with hemp in the industry especially when we are already surrounded by it.

Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico we are surrounded. You are just making the drug cartels in Mexico by giving them the chance to make money off the criminals who sell it illegally.

Amaan Shabbir

Self

Richmond, TX

As a Texan, this limits my freedom and creates joblessness in the economy. My state will become poorer if this passes. Please withdraw this bill.

TRENTON STEINKE, Sales associate

Self

AUSTIN, TX

I will lose my job and can't pay taxes

Matthew Wyatt

Self

Aransas Pass, TX

No to sb 3 Dan Patrick is wrong!

Donald Appling, SB3

Self

Friendswood, TX

I stand in complete opposition as a Republican to this bill passing in our State. It took us far far too long to liberate ourselves from the tyranny that was "Reefer Madness" and we aren't going back!

Marjorie Hernandez

Self, job searching

Round Rock, TX

I am writing in to state my opposition to SB 3. The passing of this bill will put a significant amount of people out of work, and I believe will cause harm to the overall health of the state's economy. It will also force people to black market suppliers who will provide even less regulated product, as well as make it easier for minors and those who should not be able to get these products to obtain them. Criminalization will also disproportionately affect minority communities and send more people from these communities to prison.

On a personal level, hemp products have helped my own struggles with anxiety and stress and have been an incredibly helpful tool for maintaining my mental well-being.

As a life-long resident of the state of Texas, I fully oppose the passing of this bill and urge our representatives to oppose it as well.

Estevan Renovato

Self

Laredo, TX

Legalize Marihuana

Javier Alarcia

Self

Austin, TX

Against, this is ridiculous tbh.

Katherine Longest

Self

Livingston, TX

I do not support the bill proposed.

C Kirk Scruggs

self

Pearland, TX

My name is Kirk Scruggs, and I live in Pearland, Texas. I want it on public record that I DO NOT support House Bill 28 (HB28), the Texas House 2025 bill to regulate THC products. I DO support Senate Bill 3 (SB3).

In March 2023, my then 25-year-old son's roommate contacted us, worried about his behavior. I drove three hours to see him and found he was hallucinating, paranoid, and delusional. We feared schizophrenia, though there's no family history of mental illness.

We later learned he had started using THC products at age 22, shortly after graduating college. Over time, he became obsessed with delusional beliefs, got involved with scammers, and was manipulated into giving them \$36,000. We tried for 11 months to get him help and ultimately had to use an out-of-state law to compel treatment.

He was diagnosed with Cannabis-Induced Psychotic Disorder. After 8.5 months in Residential, PHP, and IOP treatment, he is considered fortunate not to have developed a chronic condition like schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. But he is not the same person he was before. If he uses THC again, he's at serious risk for a long-term diagnosis.

He never used any other drugs-only THC, because he believed it was safe and legal through the 2018 Federal Farm Bill loophole. Our out-of-pocket costs have exceeded \$225,000. Most families cannot afford this. We've since met many others in similar situations. Some have lost children to suicide. Many are now full-time caregivers for young adults who developed mental illness after starting THC at age 21 or older.

There is no logical reason to allow public sale of these products. If there's a legitimate medical need, THC should be prescribed by a doctor. Regulation will not solve this. With over 8,000 stores in Texas, the industry is already exploiting loopholes-and will continue to do so.

Supporters argue HB28 protects jobs-claiming 50,000 are at stake. But most of those workers will find employment elsewhere. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Texans may suffer permanent consequences from THC exposure.

If edibles and vapes have been linked to psychosis, THC-infused drinks will do the same. HB28 allows them to remain on the market. This is not regulation-it's protection of an addiction-for-profit industry.

If you support this bill, are you prepared to tell families that you voted in favor of an industry that harmed their children? Should the state cover the ongoing medical and financial costs of those impacted?

Just because we can, doesn't mean we should.

Please do what's right for Texas. If the federal government won't act, you must. The time to lead is now.

Vote YES to SB3.

Sincerely,

Kirk Scruggs

Pearland, Texas

Jennifer Potter
US Pain Foundation
Houston, TX

Honorable Members of the State Affairs Committee,

As a parent of two children who have chronic pain, I oppose SB 3, which would eliminate access to safe, non-intoxicating CBD products.

The Heartbreak of Helplessness

As a parent, there's nothing more devastating than watching your children experience unbearable pain and feeling powerless to help. My children have suffered with intractable pain conditions all of their lives. We have tried every traditional therapy available, but often find ourselves at a dead end – no relief and no hope. I've followed the orders of every medical professional, specialist, physical therapist, and counselor, only to see my children continue to suffer. The frustration and desperation are overwhelming.

The Impact on My Children

Chronic pain has ravaged my children's lives, causing social isolation, disrupting their education, and robbing them of a normal childhood. The pain, anxiety, and sleepless nights have taken a devastating toll, leaving me feeling helpless as a parent.

A Glimmer of Hope

That's why we are grateful for full spectrum CBD. It brings significant relief to my children, improving their pain levels, sleep, and anxiety. And while they are not pain free, they experience an improvement in the quality of their lives and have glimpses of normalcy.

The Impact of SB 3

SB 3 mistakenly groups non-intoxicating CBD with synthetic products. We urge you to regulate, not ban, these products to protect access for families like mine.

A Call to Action

We need your support to ensure that Texans with chronic pain have access to effective treatment options. We ask you to reconsider SB 3 and develop a safe market that protects access to full-spectrum hemp CBD products.

We, the families who experience chronic pain, ask you to listen to us and hear our stories. Put yourself in our shoes and understand we come with integrity and honest intentions. CBD has done for us what not other regulated product has done. Help us help our children. We would gladly do it for you.

Please regulate, not ban full spectrum CBD products.

Sincerely and most respectfully,
Jennifer Potter

Logan Guidy
self
Cypress, TX

this bill is a blatant attempt to fill up prisons and circumvent the will of texans across the board! we are fed up with the propaganda and prohibition reefer madness era nonsense. set up a proper regulation and taxation because you are not representing our views at the moment!

Erica Vallejo, CEO

iFreshly Digital

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill as it will greatly impact Texas hemp companies that are already operating legitimately but have faced many challenges already. Prohibition will wipe out much of the industry and will only cause the black market to get bigger and cause more access to children. Proper policies and regulations will be what is needed, not sweeping changes that will affect businesses that have invested a lot of time and resources into the industry and have created thousands of jobs and created access to those that might not fit the criteria for medicinal use. Regulation over prohibition is what we need to look at. Many of my clients are in the hemp industry and implementing drastic changes would hinder the industry or put it out of business thus hurting our local economies.

Dennis Tucker

self

Garland, TX

This ban will hurt some texans by taking away needed medicine and it will force a black market for cannabis. Please do not pass any anti-cannabis laws.

Patrick Schmidt

Self, Admissions Assistant

Round Rock, TX

I implore the legislature move to not pass Senate Bill 3, a deeply self-destructive bill that will result not in the protection of children but in the removal of businesses and jobs from Texas, the excising of medicinal products which help Texans, especially veterans, manage chronic pain, anxiety, and mental distress, and the encouragement of black markets to fill the void left by the thoughtless removal of a currently legal industry. Research has again and again shown that THC derived products' pros far outweigh any cons, meaning that this bill flies in the face of established medical research. Senator Perry and Lt. Governor Patrick had made claims of the dangers of the products they wish to outlaw, but these claims are baseless and without evidence. Public opinion shows that the majority of Texans do not favor the prohibition of THC, meaning this thoughtless bill also fails to support the people of the state or their wishes. Passing Senate Bill 3 would be a work of naked laziness, a declaration that the law and policy makers of this state cannot be bothered to regulate a profitable industry in a manner which maximizes the safety of our citizens; rather, SB 3 is a call to choose apathy, to choose advocacy of responsibility, to choose to prosecute the very people its supporters claim to protect when those people seek out previously legal medicinal relief in the only avenues left to them. This is an opportunity to protect and enrich Texans while showing them you respect their opinions. I beg the representatives of this chamber to take that opportunity.

Jennifer Chamberlin

Self

San Antonio, TX

Legalize it

Debbie Seabers

Self

San Antonio, TX

I am opposed to this bill and want to encourage my legislators to vote no on SB3. Hemp products have create a wide variety of jobs and revenue in our community as well as sources of community and healing. Please consider putting Texans first. Your constituents deserve to be heard and taken seriously.

Charla Murray

self Paralegal

Tyler, TX

Texas residents do NOT agree with passing this bill. Keep access to cannabis legal and safe.

Bridget Brame
self
Georgetown, TX

My family and friends SUPPORT SB 3 by Perry. Below I've listed why we SUPPORT it.

- Eliminates Delta-9 hemp products containing THC from Texas.
- THC is a psychoactive substance present in hemp/marijuana plants. Through a loophole in law, hemp-derived Delta-9 products are for sale in Texas. Colorado does not allow these products but manufacturers in that state sell their brain-breaking products here.
- High content THC is known to cause psychosis and can lead to a bi-polar and/or schizophrenia diagnosis. These mental illnesses are expensive and hard to live with. Patients will have issues all their lives from the mental illness itself or from the medications they must use to remain mostly stable.
- Suicide and paranoia are rampant with use of Delta THC and THC products.
- Delta-9/marijuana/cannabis users make up the 70% of fentanyl users.

Daniel Seal
Self
Seabrook, TX

I do not support this bill. Hemp helps me stay sober from alcohol and also helps me moderate my anxiety and stress levels. It got me off of several addictive medications and it overall improves my way of life

Melissa Zepeda
self/small business owner
Cedar Park, TX

SB3 & HB28 will have a net negative effect for the community and take the state revenue it's gaining away- and then there will be more burden on cops & other enforcement agencies but without the revenue to support. Don't criminalize wellness access.

These bills will eliminate access to cost-effective, shippable full-spectrum and therapeutic products that veterans, seniors, and people with serious medical needs rely on. Many of these people have restricted budgets and limitations on transportation that these products overcome.

53,00+ jobs, 85 billion in economic value, and \$238 + million in tax revenue are at stake. This ban would force people to buy online from out of state and wouldn't stop the products but would disable revenue going to Texas. These bills needlessly wipe out 50k jobs and 18k small businesses.

This product is on every corner for a reason-because the voters want it. Constituents want access, not prohibition. 70% of Texans are in favor of plant medicine. Lawmakers who ignore this are not listening and will not be re-elected.

John Sepulveda
Self
Forney, TX

I oppose this bill

John Walter
Self
Austin, TX

Why do we want to punish more people for hemp possession? I thought republicans were about limited government oversight. Why are we imposing more regulations? Let us live free and make our own adult decisions. Less government oversight and regulation the better. Thanks

Noah Parker
Self
Pearland, TX
No to SB-3

Josh Morales
Self
San Antonio, TX
Keep legal weed

Deana Johnston
Texas Eagle Forum, Communications Director
Dallas, TX

Please pass SB 3. We need to stop all the ways they keep trying to push THC products ASAP.

KATHERINE FARR
self
AUSTIN, TX

You should just legalize cannabis. You should not create a bunch of bureaucratic nonsense about lab testing and micromanaging free citizens lives. This will destroy the tax revenue created by sales, you will destroy small businesses that have invested their time and money following the existing laws.

You will hurt veterans who use cannabis rather than opioids. You will give the police both unnecessary work and cover for harassing minority citizens. Scientists need to be able to study the health effects. There should be consumer protections. This is just a bad bill. Texans are independent and do not want a "nanny-state" getting in our private business. Work on the roads & bridges, health care, and education. This is not what Texans want. Kill this bill.

Jennifer Brown
self
Georgetown, TX

I am against SB 3. Hemp is not synthetic but a blessing to the people of Texas. We should focus on regulation and not prohibition. History has proven that doesn't work and it would just put money into the hands of the cartels who lace their product with fentanyl. Put an age minimum and require regulation like child proof packaging, not banning the cannabinoids outright. This would be detrimental to the people, veterans, businesses, and Texas economy. Let's use common sense and not fear to control our liberties. God Bless Texas

Dashiell Martin
Self
Houston, TX
Say NO to SB 3.

Kacey Collum
Self
Garland, TX
NO BAN

Daniel Logan

Self

Austin, TX

There needs to be regulation but certainly not eliminating hemp. So many people use gummies and other products and taking it away wouldn't serve many Texas residents.

Lindsey Villalpando

Self

Austin, TX

Please vote NO on this bill. Business are bringing in so much revenue from hemp/THC/CBD. If we're adding money to the economy, why would you want to take that away??

Julie LaChance

Haus of Jayne and all other Texas Hemp Dispensaries

Austin, TX

I stand in strong opposition to SB3 and HB28, a piece of legislation that threatens to undermine the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals in Texas. THC has shown tremendous promise in medical application and a means of personal relief for many individuals. It is crucial to recognize the evidence that supports the therapeutic benefits of THC for various conditions - chronic pain, anxiety, nausea due to chemotherapy, and the treatment of neurological disorders such as epilepsy. It has been proven to help countless Texans improve their quality of life. This bill will prevent individuals from accessing a treatment that could be life sustaining for them. The bill will force closure of local businesses and remove our individual health choices on products we use for pain relief, relaxation, and overall well-being. This bill will destroy over 53,000+ jobs, \$5B in economic value and \$238M in tax revenue. We ask that if any bill is presented, it is one that provides regulation, not elimination. Do you think that by doing this you will eliminate THC, if so, you should think again. You are opening a door for illegal and harmful substances to be taken by individuals who just need alternatives from prescription medications. It appears that there is a motive by the alcohol lobby to crush the small business owners and the farmers of hemp/THC products. They want ALL the money and will do anything to remove their competition. Of all the "legal drugs" on the market, alcohol is one of the worst. Rather than helping depression, anxiety, and other mental illness like THC/CBD does, alcohol heightens these and does NOTHING to support someone's well-being. This is an overreach by the state government and a misguided attempt to limit personal choice. SB3 undermines personal freedom by restricting our ability to make informed decisions about our own health and well-being. In a time when the state should be focused on supporting individual rights, this bill seeks to dictate what substances a person can and cannot use for their own benefit. Rather than stifling progress and disregarding medical evidence, lawmakers should focus on creating policies that allow for regulated, safe access to THC while ensuring consumers are informed and protected.

Rebecca Oneal

Self

Brownwood, TX

As a born Texan citizen, nurse and mother I am against sb3. This bill is prohibition disguised as regulation. Texas wants cannabis either hemp or marijuana. When regulating down to isolates of 1 cannabinoid you lose the efficacy of the whole plant. The hemp was designed to reschedule hemp not just for textiles. This is why it was left to each state to design a consumable hemp program that even mentions gummy bears in the bill. We as an industry are not targeting children. Texas needs to institute an age limit, crack down on unlicensed retailers and illegal products. None of the current regulations are being enforced and has lead to the dangerous products being sold at unlicensed retailers. It is also very disheartening to have a committee of our legislators making laws about something they admittedly know nothing about. Is there not an advisory committee that could be developed to help educate you? There are plenty of us in the industry that would love to help and make cannabis safe for Texans. Let's work together to get the lawbreaking bad actors out and grow a strong industry of high quality products. Teups falls short for most people and is not economically feasible. I personally am off 6 prescriptions because of hemp and continue to medicate my self with hemp products that under this bill will be banned. Isolates do not work for me. I need all the cannabinoids to work as do many people. Everyone is different and requires different dosages. A cookie cutter approach does not work for cannabis. We need more education, research, better lab testing and enforcement of the regulations we have. Thank you for your time and consideration. However after commenting live today on the other bill I don't feel like the representatives are listening to your constituents but simply pushing your own agenda.

Rebecca Zaremba

self

Pearland, TX

I oppose this bill. Hemp had a myriad of medicinal uses, such as anxiety relief, helping insomnia, aiding nausea, coping with PTSD, and is a non-addictive alternative to addictive pharmaceutical pain medication. Hemp and hemp-derived products are vital to the Texan economy, creating jobs and bringing in money to the state. Texans rely on hemp as medicine and in industry, and criminalizing it will prevent further research into its medicinal benefits. Criminalizing hemp will also waste tax dollars paying for the incarceration of individuals due to criminalizing hemp.

Veronikah Warms

Texas Civil Rights Project, and Self (Policy Attorney)

Austin, TX

Chair King, Vice Chair Hernandez, and Committee Members,

I am here to testify against SB 3. Texas Civil Rights Project opposes the increased criminalization and harm to small businesses that this bill will impose on Texans, as well as the negative physical and mental health outcomes hundreds of Texans will suffer without access to these products. Reviving the ineffective War-on-Drugs approach from the 90s to public health concerns will only further overwhelm jails buckling under the weight of overcriminalization. Instead of repeating past mistakes, we encourage common-sense regulations, such as the child-and-tamper-proof packaging proposed, rather than a ban that strips people of their ability to manage their health conditions with this treatment option. I have also come here today to give the Committee context on the human impact of this ban.

I have endometriosis, an incurable, painful chronic illness that at least 10% of reproductive-aged women suffer from. I have been prescribed more medications and undergone more treatments than I care to remember, including two surgeries to literally unstick my organs from my abdominal wall, remove huge cysts from my ovaries and lesions from my insides. To give you an idea of what the pain of being in an endo flare is like, I have felt like I was being stabbed, had barbed wire wrapped around my internal organs, or like my insides were on fire. Ibuprofen doesn't touch a bad endo flare. One of the only things that I have used that can dull the pain is Delta 8. There was a time in my life where Delta 8 provided the one source of relief I could get. I used it occasionally in the evenings after work, on my most painful days. It was affordable, accessible, did not have any of the side effects or addictive risks of opioids, and most importantly, it provided relief and hope at a time when it felt like nothing in the medical world could help me. Taking away this resource from people who are in agony because of problems that could be resolved with common-sense regulation will callously hurt thousands of Texans who find relief in this resource. I urge the Committee to have compassion for those who are getting real relief from these products, and to resolve their concerns with regulation rather than outright bans and criminalization. Thank you.

Jatana Duran

Self

Eastland, TX

NO

Destinee Lurati

Self

Belton, TX

Opposing SB3

As a Texan and supporter of small businesses, I strongly oppose SB3 and HB28.

These bills threaten the legal hemp industry in our state—an industry built on the backs of hardworking entrepreneurs who are following current regulations, creating jobs, and providing safe, tested alternatives to adult consumers.

Instead of rushing to restrict or ban products, we should be focused on common sense regulations that ensure safety, transparency, and responsible access—without crushing small businesses or sending jobs and tax revenue out of Texas.

Please stand with the thousands of Texas workers, veterans, farmers, and patients who rely on this industry. Say no to SB3 and HB28.

Let's work together to create smart policy that protects consumers and supports economic freedom in our state.

Eric Medina

self

San Antonio, TX

this bill is a step backwards and an abhorrent attempt to curb blossoming markets and opportunities.

Angelina Hernandez

self-Budtender

San Marcos, TX

I oppose these bills and rely on these products; I will not reelect supporters of SB3 & HB28

Daune Patterson, Ms.

Self

Houston, TX

TERRIBLE WASTE OF TIME AND MONEY PLEASE DO NOT RUIN THE LIVES OF MANY FOR INNOCENT "CRIMES"

Crystal Nuding

Self

LOCKHART, TX

I OPPOSE this bill. Stop legislating nature. Ban the synthetics. Don't regulate plant medicine because some folks have impulse control issues.

Rodolfo Menchaca

Gummi's Garden Hemp co.

Eagle Pass, TX

Against it!

Chris Luby

SELF

San Antonio, TX

STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS BILL.

Jun Cuevas

Self

Alice, TX

Hemp helps my grandma with her pains I've seen first hand how it allows elders to avoid taking excessive pain medication.

William William

Self/food service manager

Ranger, TX

No!

Elton Taylor, Sir

Self

Jasper, TX

Stop this bill. As a avid conservative libertarian, I cannot support this bill that will regulate and stop the sale of hemp in Texas

Hunter Buchanan

Self

Lubbock, TX

I am a registered Republican and strongly oppose Senate Bill 3. I will vote against any Senator and any representatives who support SB3 during the next election cycle.

Jacob Tarpley

Self

Austin, TX

Regulation not banning needs to happen

Veronica Cullen

self-artist

Austin, TX

cannabis is natural medicine and should be available to those in need

Vickie Adams

myself

New Braunfels, TX

For SB 3. A 2022 Baseline & Associates survey shows an overwhelming number of Texans support measures to protect Texas kids from cannabis-related harms. Research shows that implementing a comprehensive ban is the most effective way to protect youth and communities.

Kristi Welch

Self

Austin, TX

Please do not ban this important product. My dad who is in poor health utilizes thc to help him sleep at night. His health would be in great jeopardy without getting the good sleep he gets with the small dose of thc at night

Jassica Barlor
Self
Canyon Lake, TX
Against

Nathan Sherrer
Self - beekeeper and hemp farmer
Alvarado, TX

I oppose this bill. We do not need a ban on all Cannabinoids other than CBD and CBG. This bill is meant to kill small businesses, does not protect anyone, and is designed to hand over the existing hemp market to our defunct medical program. The TCUP program has been ineffective, is intentionally the most restrictive program in our entire nation, run by our state police(also only state in the nation to do so, is overly expensive (must build a state of the art facility to specs for inspection- afterwards you may apply for 8000\$, only 3 operators permitted/proposing 6, 480,000\$ for the license, renewal every two years for 360,000\$. Two doctors have to write a prescription for a federally illegal substance, Thus risking their federally DEA granted licenses, vs all other programs write a recommendation). Meanwhile criminalizing thousands of law abiding citizens for their personal choice to consume cannabis. This bill is not meant to protect children, but rather what appears to be a state facilitated monopoly on THC. This will kill mine and my families small business, put thousands out of work, and not accomplish its purported goals. Hemp products are safe, are tested, and are regulated. Let's make smart legislation and add age restrictions, childproof packaging, and other smart decisions to build this industry, not destroy and ban. Oppose senate bill 3, and let Texas freedom ring!

Christi Sherman
Self
Plano, TX
Oppose

Asad Shalami
ZAR Wellness/ Self
Plano, TX

Statement Opposing SB 3
By Asad Shalami, U.S. Army Combat Medic, Founder of ZAR Wellness
www.zarwellness.com

My name is Asad Shalami, a U.S. Army Combat Medic and founder of ZAR Wellness. I strongly oppose HB 28.

While serving 12-hour night shifts at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center on Ramstein Airbase in Germany, I was diagnosed with chronic insomnia. I was prescribed various pharmaceutical combinations that only worsened my condition. Some weeks, I couldn't sleep at all. I needed multiple pills just to fall asleep, but woke up unable to function. I couldn't work, walk my newborn, or be present for my family. Life felt hopeless.

In 2019, I found relief through hemp products. I weaned off all my medications, regained my energy, and reclaimed my life. My wife, who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, also experienced better results with hemp than with her past prescriptions. Motivated by our healing, we founded ZAR Wellness to offer safe, high-quality hemp products—especially to veterans like me, searching for natural, effective alternatives to pharmaceuticals.

We created ZAR's Mission 22 to raise awareness about the heartbreaking statistic that 22 veterans die by suicide every day. I've lost four friends to this crisis. In response, we offer a 22% discount to all veterans. Since June 2020, this initiative has saved veterans over \$5 million and changed countless lives.

ZAR Wellness now operates 18 retail stores and an online platform. A third of our customers are veterans who rely on hemp for anxiety, pain, PTSD, depression, and sleep disorders. Many have safely transitioned off opioids and other harmful drugs.

We take product safety and responsibility seriously:

- No sales to anyone under 21, with strict ID checks
- All products are third-party lab tested
- Child-resistant, non-child-appealing packaging
- Free consultations to educate customers on safe, personalized cannabinoid use
- Follow-ups within a week to adjust dosage or product type if needed

We educate every client about the endocannabinoid system, which all mammals have. Everyone's system responds differently. This is why we oppose blanket bans on product categories. Some patients find relief with edibles, others with tinctures. Individualized care is essential.

Our goal is not intoxication—it's wellness. Most of our clients are parents, seniors, and professionals looking for relief, not a high. This bill would harm people who depend on safe, regulated access to alternatives that work.

I urge you to reject HB 28 and support the veterans, families, and individuals who count on these products for their well-being. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jessica Cuevas
Self
Alice, TX

I oppose the passing of this bill to ban the sale of hemp products across Texas. Hemp products help thousands of people everyday. People who can't afford all medications or health care or don't want to risk addiction to pain pills for treatment, hemp is an alternative form of treatment that can be used for many people. A couple of bad cases should not have an impact on the entire state. And if so why aren't other products illegal. For example people die everyday from drunk driving yet alcohol is still allowed. Smoking cigarettes causes cancer but yet they are still sold all over the country. Hemp products benefit the everyday person with it's numerous wellness qualities everyday.

William Liebenrood

self

Fort Worth, TX

Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) in the Texas House proposes stringent regulations on consumable hemp products, including transferring regulatory functions, imposing registration requirements and fees, and establishing criminal offenses and administrative penalties. While the bill aims to address concerns regarding the hemp industry, several arguments highlight potential negative consequences:?

1. Economic Impact on Small Businesses and Employment

The hemp industry has become a significant contributor to Texas's economy, generating approximately \$5.5 billion in annual sales and supporting around 53,300 jobs as of 2025. Implementing SB 3 could jeopardize this economic growth, potentially leading to the loss of over 40,000 jobs and a reduction of \$7.5 billion in industry revenue. Such outcomes would disproportionately affect small business owners and employees who rely on this burgeoning market.

2. Encouragement of Unregulated Markets

Prohibitive measures often drive consumers to seek products through unregulated channels, increasing risks associated with product safety and quality. By imposing strict limitations on legal hemp products, SB 3 may inadvertently foster a black market, undermining the bill's intent to ensure consumer safety. ?

3. Infringement on Consumer Choice and Access

Many Texans utilize hemp-derived products, such as cannabidiol (CBD), for therapeutic purposes, including managing anxiety, pain, and insomnia. Restrictive regulations could limit access to these products, impeding individuals' ability to choose alternative wellness options.

4. Potential for Regulatory Overreach

While regulation is essential for consumer protection, SB 3's extensive provisions may represent an overreach that stifles industry innovation and growth. A more balanced approach would involve collaborating with industry stakeholders to develop regulations that ensure safety without unduly burdening businesses. ?

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5. Public Opinion Favoring Regulation Over Prohibition

Surveys indicate that a significant majority of Texans prefer regulated access to hemp-derived products rather than outright bans. Implementing SB 3 against public sentiment could lead to dissatisfaction and decreased trust in legislative processes. I will personally be watching this issue closely.

In conclusion, while the objectives of SB 3 to regulate the hemp industry and ensure consumer safety are understandable, the bill's current form may lead to unintended economic, social, and legal consequences. A more effective strategy would involve crafting balanced regulations that protect consumers while supporting the industry's growth and respecting individual choices.

Randi Carey

Self

Austin, TX

Cannabinoids are an important medicine for many people. Limiting access to this is dangerous and unethical.

Gabriel Locke

Self

Spring, TX

I strongly oppose further criminalizing marijuana products for adults. I enjoy it, and I do not harm anyone else. I also frequent a local business that tests and labels their products. This way I feel safer and do not have to do business with illicit drug dealers.

My conservative father and I disagree about almost every political topic, and yet we were able to find common ground on this. He said that he typically respects Texas Government leaders, even mentioning Ken Paxton by name, but said he was surprised this was any kind of priority, and said it was a waste of police resources and runs counter to his belief in small government.

I am not a republican voter, but if you represent me at all, you will hear me when I say I do not have a single peer that agrees with this legislation, and most people I know are in favor of decriminalizing all THC products. This is a step in the wrong direction and actually would hurt a respected small business in my community. I believe this runs blatantly afowl of the Republican's claimed beliefs of small government and support for small business. Personally, I am not surprised you are attempting this. My father is surprised, because he believes you are truly principled people. Please prove me wrong, and him right, for once.

Nancy Cox

Self

Broadus, TX

Things need to change for sure but they need to change for the better Medical Marijuana is needed for people like me with Multiple Sclerosis and so many others that have these incurable diseases. I am allergic to Opioids and do not support recreational in Tx but please Look for ways to Improve our system Not Ban it. Thank you Nancy Cox

Emily Bogan

Self

Austin, TX

This is the opposite action the constituents want. Legalize recreational THC and stop criminalizing aspects of it. It's safer than alcohol consumption and contains many beneficial properties.

Alyssa Paez

Self smoke shop employee

Friendswood, TX

No for sb3

Santiago Tella
Self
Brownsville, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) concerning the regulation of consumable hemp products in Texas. This bill proposes a sweeping ban on all consumable hemp products containing any amount of THC or other cannabinoids, allowing only CBD and CBG to remain legal. Such a measure would effectively dismantle Texas's growing hemp industry, which currently supports approximately 50,000 jobs and generates an estimated \$8 billion in annual revenue.

The hemp industry has provided economic opportunity for many small business owners across the state and given consumers access to alternative wellness products. Rather than protecting Texans, SB 3 would eliminate these benefits and drive consumers toward unregulated or out-of-state markets, potentially increasing public health risks.

Much of the concern surrounding hemp appears to stem from a narrative that is not supported by data. Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick has made public statements suggesting that hemp products are harming Texas communities. However, numerous studies have shown that alcohol and tobacco—both widely accepted and legal substances—have far greater public health impacts than regulated hemp-derived products. It's important that we apply consistent, evidence-based standards when evaluating which substances are allowed in the market.

Moreover, this legislation appears to align with the interests of industries such as tobacco, alcohol, and even some in education, which may view the hemp sector as a threat to their economic position. Legislation should prioritize the well-being and economic opportunity of Texans, not the protection of established industry profits at the expense of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Instead of an outright ban, a more balanced approach would involve enhanced regulatory oversight that ensures consumer safety while preserving the legal and responsible hemp businesses that have followed the rules and invested in their communities.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote against SB 3 and instead support practical regulation that upholds both public safety and economic freedom for Texans.

Carah Helwig
self- labor attorney
San Antonio, TX

I would urge you to REGULATE, TAX, and MORE ADEQUATELY MONITOR existing THCA/hemp products and businesses. Those of us who use legitimate products for our health or recreation do not want to worry about additives, improper testing, incomplete ingredient lists, etc. Do not destroy a multi-billion dollar industry to create a new underground market. Work with what already exists and FIX THE PROBLEMS. I get carded every time I walk into a dispensary in a legal state. In Texas it's about 50/50. I'm also ALWAYS asked to verify my age on internet sales.

Common sense regulations make far more sense than destroying an economic boon to the State. Y'all want to lower taxes? FIND ANOTHER SOURCE OF REVENUE.

Respectfully submitted,
Carah Helwig

David Ramirez
Self
El Paso, TX

over 1,000 deaths a year in Texas alone. Yet we don't ban whiskey—we regulate it. Hemp deserves the same standard.

Mary Manuel
self-accountant
Houston, TX

Hello,

My name is Mary Manuel and I strongly oppose the SB 3 and HB 28 bills.

I am currently using the hemp products in these bills for chronic pain management and access to them without a prescription or other expensive medical intervention is important to me.

Safe and legal access to these products matters to myself and many other Texans, including the many small business owners who have already spent their time and money to start their companies.

From my real life experience with these companies, they are not interested in selling to minors and are very cautious about ID checks, child-safe packaging, and the other responsibilities that come with selling such a product (the same as any liquor store). I fully support any bill that would codify these protections while keeping the sale of the products legal.

Thank you for your time in reading my message and I hope to see the right decision coming from our representatives.

Regards,

Mary Manuel

Crystal Lopez
self - Clinic Office Manager
Denton, TX

I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 3, which would ban THC and most cannabinoids in hemp products, leaving only CBD and CBG. This measure would limit access for countless Texans who rely on these products for wellness and relief. The Texas Compassionate Use program is still very limited in the diagnoses accepted and accessibility for countless Texan citizens (who do not qualify for the very limited program).

Hemp-derived THC products provide many Texans with alternatives to prescription medications, including those seeking pain management, anxiety relief, and better sleep. A full ban would take away legal, regulated options and reduce consumer choice (in a state that has built a legacy on supporting the value of personal freedoms).

Instead of prohibition, Texas should implement responsible regulations, including clear labeling, age restrictions, and rigorous safety testing. I urge you to protect patient access, freedom of choice, and consumer safety by opposing SB 3.

Steve Farmer

Self

Garland, TX

My name is Steve Farmer, I'm 45 years old, a graduate of UT Tyler, former small business owner, and I live in Garland.

On December 14, 2023, I was shot by my fiancée's ex-husband 7 times at Lakewood Presbyterian School in Dallas following a Christmas concert. This man emptied the magazine on his 9mm from roughly 9ft away. I was unarmed. I spent 25 days in the wonderful caring hands of Baylor Hospital; had 4 surgeries, a double fasciotomy on my leg to repair my femoral artery which was blown out, steel plates attached to my tibia after laying there for 2 weeks with a broken leg, over 120 staples, a skin graft to close my fasciotomy, and I still have 4 whole bullets inside my body to this day. I'm still teaching my body to walk correctly. Unfortunately, as this happened in Dallas County, our DA's office easily let me and my family down, as the shooter is walking freely now after taking a plea deal and getting a light sentence of 5 years deferred probation. I'm very grateful to the school and parents that were my first responders that night, Dallas PD and FD, to Baylor Hospital, and to the state of Texas for providing excellent financial and victim services (I see a DPS counselor once a week). The last almost year and half of healing has been difficult for our family; not only physically, but mentally and emotionally, trying to adjust to what some refer to as "our new normal". But what we are going through is not "normal". The availability of CBD products, Delta8/9, hemp, etc, have been monumental in my recovery and continuing healing process, especially with the increased anxiety levels of knowing the man who almost took my life is walking the streets of Texas. These products are truly medicine for those, like myself, who need it. I was not allowed to speak at my own shooter's hearing, but my voice needs to be heard on this issue. Because there are many out there who need this medicine in our lives. Please oppose SB3 and HB28, because, why would you not want a fellow Texan to heal from something like that?

Letitia WADE

Self _Medical Credentialing

BOERNE, TX

Good morning,

I would like to urge you a moment of caution on this bill. In the climate we are in now, can you table this for another time. Small businesses are under attack and so are our overly stressed health care systems - ie the VA. Passing this language will affect a host of people who consume or create these products. Whether you consume or create, right now is a horrible time to try to get this passed in my opinion. I would think your time would be better spent trying to figure out how we go forward under Trump's newly imposed tariffs and the havoc the world now feels with the pressure it has created.

I have been in the medical field for over 45 years, I can tell you the system is limping due to staffing shortages and the VA is really stressed - I have friends who work there. Please reconsider this bill at this time, table it for another time and different economic climate. The reality is organics may have a better part in our lives versus the chemicals we put in and JFK may have a new approach - it's going to get interesting. But for the sake of small business and Cancer patients, Vets and Chronic Pain, please reconsider this at this time. Thank you. Lwade.

Shauna Lynch

self/rancher

Goldthwaite, TX

I ask that this bill be consigned to the dust bin of history. The majority of Texans do not want it, and it is inconsistent with the Texas ethos of personal freedom. HB28 provides for proper regulation and labeling, which is all we need.

Hilary Towne

Self, homemaker

Coppell, TX

I am writing in opposition of the above items. As a hemp-derived cannabis user, the loss of access would a) drive me to the black market where I'll get God-only-knows what b) put me back to a cycle of chronic pain and lack of sleep that I was taking multiple potentially harmful legal medications to treat. With ONE product, my quality of life has improved SIGNIFICANTLY. I am rested, happy, productive and not in constant, life-limiting pain. PLEASE support the continued access to full-spectrum hemp-derived cannabinoids. PLEASE. It has been a positive life-changer for me. Sincerely, Hilary Towne

Raetta Thornton
Self
San Antonio, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. To pass this will not stop citizens from using cannabinoids it will turn them into criminals to obtain products in either other states or seek out illegal alternatives. Let's not go backwards. Personally these products are the solution to my insomnia.

Bette Davis, Ms
Can do clemency Foundation
Carrollton, TX

I am 75 yrs old and handicapped and my pain is subdued by hemp products, it's none of your business, and should be treated like alcohol. My body is my responsibility not yours. Thank you

Ruby Amador
Self
Irving, TX

I oppose SB3. Don't ban, REGULATE. Reasonable regulations, such as age restrictions, clear labeling, and testing standards, can address these concerns. The Department of State Health Services should be empowered to enforce these rules effectively, ensuring a safer marketplace.

Adeeb Rabie, President / CEO

SmokeATX

Austin, TX

As a lifelong Texas resident, parent, and small business owner in the hemp industry, I strongly urge the committee to reject SB 3 in its current form. While I support the need for appropriate regulation and safety in hemp-derived products, SB 3 overreaches in ways that will harm Texans, cripple small businesses, and destroy an industry that has brought innovation, access, and economic growth to our state.

SB 3 unfairly targets safe, lab-tested hemp-derived cannabinoids — including those with negligible or non-psychoactive effects — through excessive restrictions, overregulation, and ambiguous definitions. These changes risk criminalizing products that are currently legal under both federal and Texas law. That includes products used responsibly by veterans managing PTSD, patients seeking relief from chronic pain, and everyday Texans who want natural alternatives to pharmaceuticals.

This bill is a de facto ban disguised as regulation. If passed, it would lead to:

- Thousands of job losses in retail, farming, logistics, and manufacturing sectors
- Business closures across Texas, especially for locally-owned hemp stores, farms, and wellness brands
- Reduced access to wellness products for consumers who rely on hemp-derived cannabinoids for pain, sleep, and anxiety

Texas has already established a framework under HB 1325 and subsequent rulemaking that emphasizes lab testing, labeling, and age restrictions. Those systems can be improved — but not replaced with criminalization and bureaucracy that treats responsible business owners like bad actors.

SB 3 also hurts Texas' reputation as a pro-business, innovation-friendly state. Large multi-state operators will survive such regulations — but Texas-based small businesses won't. They can't afford expensive new licenses, overreaching bans, or the chilling uncertainty created by this bill's vague language.

We must also consider the unintended consequences:

- A thriving black market of unregulated, unsafe products will re-emerge
- Consumers will turn to out-of-state online retailers, taking money out of Texas
- Enforcement will further burden our legal system with new, unnecessary criminal offenses

Texas should be a leader in smart hemp policy — encouraging responsible growth, education, and innovation, not pushing our entrepreneurs out of the state. If the goal is safety and accountability, let's talk about improving testing standards, product transparency, and enforcement of existing rules — not banning what we've already allowed Texans to build and rely upon.

In conclusion, SB 3 is not a refinement — it's a rollback. It undermines trust in our state's word, hurts hardworking Texans, and prioritizes fear over facts. I respectfully ask you to oppose SB 3 and instead work with farmers, business owners, veterans, medical patients, and consumers to create legislation that supports safe, transparent access — without destroying what Texans have built.

Amy Bouck

Amy Bouck

Austin, TX

Being a woman in my mid 50's and going through menopause I have discovered products that have helped me with stress, sleepless nights and overall health and relief from these symptoms. I know many people as well who have received help from using products for anxiety, depression and I can't believe these products will not be around to help people. I can't afford health insurance so going to the doctor is not always an option. Having these products to help had been a benefit to me and my family. I ask that you take into consideration keeping the use of these products available. Appreciate your time. Thanks!

Taylor Gerber

Bang Bang Vapes and Smoke Shop

Amarillo, TX

We, the citizens of Texas, are calling on lawmakers to reject any proposal that bans products made from legal hemp. Such a ban would hurt veterans, seniors, patients, and everyday Texans who rely on hemp-derived cannabinoids for relief from chronic pain, anxiety, and sleep issues. And most importantly — banning these products won't eliminate demand. It would push them into an unregulated black market, where quality and safety can't be guaranteed, putting Texans at greater risk. It would also devastate small businesses and farmers who depend on hemp for their livelihoods. We believe in responsible use and support thoughtful measures like: Age restrictions, Child-resistant packaging, and Clear product labeling. These policies promote safety without taking away access to the products Texans count on. Hemp is not a threat — it is a resource. It helps thousands of Texans live healthier, more balanced lives.

Kaitlin Bogusz

None

SPRING, TX

Trying to take away tens of thousands of jobs, millions of people will benefit having legalized marijuana in the state. Stop suppressing this it's not Nazi Germany anymore.

Brittney Anderton

Self

Aubrey, TX

Banning THC will be the biggest mistake you make, and a stupid one. You're telling me that alcohol and cigarettes (both leading causes of life threatening illnesses, or just flat out wrongful death ((drunk driving))), are legal and fine and "fun", but a natural product used for sleep, anxiety, pain, amongst many other medical issues, is a threat? THC products tremendously helped my father while undergoing Red Devil chemotherapy treatments to ease his pain and discomfort and allow him sleep at night. Alcohol is what aided in his cancer diagnosis to begin with. Alcohol has killed countless people in my life, young and old, and I am certain everyone in the house can relate. Alcohol is legal and accessible to people of ALL AGES and nobody cares. The THC industry boosted sales by a landslide to companies all over the state. If you take it away, their revenue will go way down and can potentially strip the owners of a job. Do better Texas. I know full well yall like dabbling in the too.

Crystal Salazar

Self

Early, TX

Vote against!!! No no no

Being able to control my medical needs with out the need to have pharmaceutical medications which then in turn make u take 2 to 3 more pills to counter the first one! No my one hemp based product I purchased from my local hemp store makes a daily difference on my anxiety and being able to control and function in daily life, which in turn supports a hometown business!

No vote against

KAREN Brewer, Mrs.

Self-therapist/mother

MEXIA, TX

I'm writing on behalf of my Sons who are Veterans of this country and have come back from Iraq and Afghanistan war with symptoms of PTSD. After nine and ten years of service, one in the Marines and the other in the army, they have been utilizing the medical cannabis for symptoms of PTDS and are vital members of society functioning in high levels positions successfully. Both of them admit that without the use of cannabis they would have trouble functioning because it helps with anxiety and the PTSD symptoms. I see no reason for any penalties to be imposed on our service members who need natural remedies to function in society after serving this country. Please consider allowing for the safe consumption of Cannabis products. Because the alternative is marijuana which could be laced with deadly drugs, without the safety measures that are currently in place with the natural hemp products. I'm writing on behalf of my Sons who are Veterans of this country and have come back from Iraq and Afghanistan war with symptoms of PTSD. After nine and ten years of service, one in the Marines and the other in the army, they have been utilizing the medical cannabis for symptoms of PTDS and are vital members of society functioning in high levels positions successfully. Both of them admit that without the use of cannabis they would have trouble functioning because it helps with anxiety and the PTSD symptoms. I see no reason for any penalties to be imposed on our service members who need natural remedies to function in society after serving this country. Please consider allowing for the safe consumption of Cannabis products. Because the alternative is marijuana without the safety measures that are currently in place with the natural hemp products.

Kathryn Halberstadt, Mrs

Self - Disabled

Ben Wheeler, TX

Dear Representatives,

My name is Kathryn Halberstadt and I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 3. This bill goes too far in many different ways. Firstly, a total ban on all cannabinoids save CBD and CBG is simply a knee jerk overreaction to the current situation. This near total ban does not take into account that there are many different compounds that are non-intoxicating and have legitimate uses, for example CBN and THC-V come to mind. Second, even though the stated purpose is to keep people from getting high, there is no exception for topicals in this bill - why not? Topicals do not cause intoxication. This bill severely limits personal liberty, an odd move for a state that claims to champion personal liberty.

I fear that no thought is being given to people like me who depend on CBD and Delta 8 to function. I have Trigeminal Neuralgia and use CBD and Delta 8 to help control the frequent and debilitating attacks of pain. Before I found Hemp Products, my disorder had forced me to quit my teaching job and was landing me in the ER multiple times a month for a dose of opioids to halt the pain attack. There were times I was going in 2 or 3 days in a row.

Thanks to CBD and Delta 8, I have been able to cut back on my prescription medication, lessening the horrific side effects, I am able to function again, and I haven't had to go to the ER for a pain attack in over a year. Please don't take away the only thing that has given me back a life. Vote NO on Senate Bill 3

Brandi Townsend

Cozy Cannabis

Georgetown, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. This industry has given me my life back. Please do your due diligence and fully investigate all proposed bills for strict regulation. As the CEO of Cozy Cannabis I have seen the countless lives that have been positively impacted by this industry. To take those away and send our customers back to the black market and to take away my employees jobs AND to make us all about to be criminals is so unjust! Please take time to hear the other bills presented that will allow yet regulate cannabis.

Jeff Wallace

Self

Plano, TX

Legalize.

Zachariah Leal

Self

Houston, TX

I oppose

Dominik Hussl

TWSTX

HOUSTON, TX

I want to voice my opposition to SB3. Let me start by saying that I do not believe that the state legislators should have the right to restrict adults from choosing what natural products they should be allowed to consume. Texans believe in personal freedoms and responsibility and this bill directly opposes those freedoms. I have personally seen these products help my wife when she was in a horrible car wreck. A wrecker truck ran a red light and hit her vehicle at 65mph. She was able to use CHP products instead of opioids to deal with the pain until surgery and where she would at this point be a chronic pain patient that would be forced to use opioids to manage it she uses natural CHP products to do so. I hate to think what form of synthetic drug she would be forced to take if this legislation is passed. I also want to point out that no one has ever died from using hemp products and the danger that is talked about is really a scare tactic and not a fact. I believe in reasonable regulation that would set age limits on hemp products as well as sensible packaging restrictions to keep these products out of the hands of children but an outright ban that would restrict the right for an adult to choose the natural products they consume I am opposed to. I urge you to vote NO on SB3. It is my hope that the Texas legislators and the Hemp industry in Texas can work together to come up with sensible legislation that safe guards minors while giving anyone over the age of 21 the right to choose what natural products they choose to use. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ricardo Jimenez, CEO

Self

Forney, TX

I oppose this bill

Annelise Gregory

Self

Pflugerville, TX

I oppose the ban

Abigail Hoak

Self

Round Rock, TX

My name is Abby, and I strongly oppose SB3.

I've struggled with depression, and cannabis has been a natural, effective alternative to prescription medications with harsh side effects. I'm also in recovery from alcoholism and have been sober for 11 years—something I couldn't have achieved without the support cannabis provides.

Alcohol caused deep harm in my life, while cannabis has been nothing but healing. Please don't take away a vital tool that supports both my mental health and my sobriety.

Thank you for your time.

Vikram Nath, CEO

Uproar Wellness LLC

Houston, TX

I oppose this bill.

Sreemayee Chand, Chief of People & Strategy

Uproar Wellness LLC

Houston, TX

I oppose

Xavier Goforth

Self

La Porte, TX

I urge the passage of SB 3 to ensure that all hemp-derived products are fully legal and responsibly regulated for adult use and for those managing medical conditions.

Madison Dunlap

CBD American Shaman

Allen, TX

I am deeply opposed to these regulations

Nelly Cardenas

Self

Waco, TX

I am the store manager at American Shaman CBD in Waco, Texas. We have been open for 5 years now, and in those 5 years, I have had the pleasure of meeting so many customers that have amazing stories about how our products have benefited them. Many people come in that are curious and new to CBD and other cannabinoids in hemp. They come to our store to get educated by our CBD Certified Consultants.

I come here today to support our CBD/THC products. To have an out right ban is not the answer. I come here to be the voice of my customers. I am The voice of the mom who purchases our products for her adult son with autism. I am the voice of the daughter who purchases our products for her elderly father with Parkinson's. I am the voice of the alcoholic who finally found products to make him stop drinking. I am the voice of the elderly woman who just lost her husband and finally found relief for sleep.

These customers and many others are very concerned about the SB3 bill and will be devastated if they lose their THC products. Please vote no on SB3, not only for all the people that have found hope in our products but for people like me, who's job you will be taking away.

Rebecca Nash

Self

Nederland, TX

No

Donna Henry
Self / NutraGenecs
Clifton, TX

Thank you for reading my comments, I am suggesting you put all CBD/D8 & D9 products in child proof packaging instead of making them illegal. You regulate Pharma with child proof packaging, why not use the same for Hemp products? This way you help reduce issues with children but still allow the consumer to have natural relief to pain. They are a natural source of compounds with ability to take the place of many opioids and medicines. These Cannabinoids will give relief without using prescriptions. I have done research on all Cannabinoids for 25 years long before this got popular. I have invented creams, sprays, and all sorts of products that have CBD, CBG, encapsulated Delta 8 or 9 that totally take away arthritis in the hands and fingers also knees for a natural way so you can help yourself without narcotics. I also have a spray for shingles that will help the pain so you can rub your prescription meds on the area without it hurting. That should be the reason to keep these products in production so people have a natural alternative to prescription pain medicine. Also there should always be testing to validate anything sold. Thank you for taking these comments into consideration. If you are interested in discussions or learning about the extraction or development of different types of products and their natural effects instead of using opioids or pharmaceuticals let me know. I have replied to both Hemp bills. Thank you, Donna Henry, NutraGenecs, 903-378-243.

A. Auni Dauser
Self
Houston, TX

Texas is going backwards in cannabis and liberty! This is a valuable medicine to many people, including me. It helps me manage my anxiety, depression, and it's helped in tremendous weight loss. I was able to lose 100 pounds of weight when I added THC to my exercise and diet program. Pain management works! And harm reduction works, there's been numerous studies on this. I hope you'll consider my story of reduction of pain in other mental health issues while making your decision today. Lives are at stake, to me this is a better option than the harder, alcohol or other hard drugs that are out there

Alexis Ortiz

Self, small Help buisness employee

New Braunfels, TX

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation concerning the banning of hemp in Texas, specifically Bills SB23 and HB28. As a citizen deeply invested in the welfare of our state, I believe that the prohibition of hemp would have profound negative impacts on our economy, environment, and the rights of Texan farmers and consumers.

****Economic Impact****: Hemp has emerged as a vital crop for many Texas farmers. It offers various economic benefits, including diversification of agricultural products, job creation in both farming and processing sectors, and potential for export opportunities. Implementing a ban on hemp would hinder economic growth in rural communities that stand to benefit from this resilient crop. Beyond agriculture, the hemp industry has promising applications in textiles, construction, biofuels, and health products, contributing to Texas maintaining its competitive edge in innovative markets.

****Environmental Sustainability****: Hemp is widely regarded as a sustainable crop with a lower environmental footprint compared to many traditional crops. It requires less water, no pesticides, and can improve soil health through its deep root systems and broad leaves. By banning hemp, Texas would miss an opportunity to embrace a crop that supports sustainable agricultural practices and fosters environmental conservation.

****Consumer Rights and Health****: The growing interest in hemp and hemp-derived products, including CBD, reflects a shift toward natural and holistic approaches to health and wellness. Many Texans have benefited from legal access to these products, and banning hemp would restrict consumer choice, potentially limiting access to beneficial health supplements that many find useful.

****Legal Confusion and Implementation Challenges****: The landscape surrounding hemp has vastly changed since the 2018 Farm Bill, which legalized hemp cultivation federally. Banning hemp in Texas would only create confusion among farmers and consumers regarding regulations and compliance. Instead of imposing bans, our lawmakers should focus on creating a supportive framework that allows for responsible farming and commerce in hemp products.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the far-reaching implications of Bills SB23 and HB28 on Texas farmers, consumers, and the economy as a whole. I request that you stand against these bills and instead support policies that harness the potential of hemp as a valuable agricultural resource. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope for your support in fostering a thriving hemp industry in Texas.

Sincerely,

Alexis,

Rudy Collins

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose SB3 and it's unfair nature towards basic hemp consumption and it's medical use.

Stephanie Faria Lao, LVN

Self

Austin, TX

Vote no don't send us backwards

Shannon Neese

Self, Disabled Veteran

Allen, TX

please do not ban hemp in texas!

Raquel Flores

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose SB3

Diana Quicksilver, Ms

Self/retired

Wimberley, TX

I purchase hemp flower from my local dispensary/shop to treat my sleep and anxiety issues without the side effects that my doctor prescribed meds gave me. I am 78 yrs old and find that this local shop takes great care in restricting sales to responsible adults. Keeping these products safe and regulated is important to us all, as is supporting local business and putting our purchase dollars into the local tax base. PLEASE consider the benefits of having these businesses continue to be open, regulated and thriving by voting NO on this bill. Thank you.

Daniel Turbin

Self

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill that is not in the best interest of our state or for the people who are using cannabis in a proper manner

Mary Pruett, Sales

Self

Ranger, TX

No

Desiree Gonzalez

Self

Pearland, TX

Hemp has helped many close people in my life. I'm a military brat with veteran family members who really benefit on the benefits of hemp. Medicine and insurance is so expensive to where natural hemp works better than most medications and won't have long term effects while taking them.

Tara Dumes

CBD American Shaman

Richmond, TX

I disagree with this bill. Banning hemp-derived products would have far-reaching consequences, including economic setbacks, substantial job losses, and the closure of many small family businesses. A regulatory framework is more suitable than an outright ban.

Ryan Rodkey, President
Valley Medicinals
Edinburg, TX

subject: Formal Opposition to Texas Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) & House Bill 28 (HB 28)

To Whom It May Concern:

As President of Valley Medicinals, a proud Texas-owned and operated hemp retail business holding multiple active retail licenses under the Texas Department of Agriculture, I am writing to express my formal and vigorous opposition to Texas Senate Bill 3 (SB 3) and House Bill 28 (HB 28).

These proposed measures pose a direct threat to small businesses like ours across the state — businesses that have invested substantial time, resources, and compliance efforts to operate lawfully within the current regulatory framework. SB 3 and HB 28 threaten not only to dismantle the progress Texas has made in supporting hemp agriculture and retail, but they also endanger the livelihood of countless hardworking Texans and their families.

At Valley Medicinals, we serve our local community with responsibly sourced hemp products that meet the highest standards of quality, safety, and transparency. We are a vital part of Texas' agricultural and retail economy, creating jobs, supporting local farmers, and contributing tax revenue.

Sweeping legislative restrictions — particularly those that would criminalize previously legal products or impose unreasonable operational burdens — run counter to the spirit of free enterprise and consumer choice that Texas is known for. These bills would create an uneven playing field, favoring large out-of-state operators while decimating locally owned small businesses.

I urge you to reject these harmful bills and instead work collaboratively with industry stakeholders to promote reasonable regulation, consumer safety, and economic opportunity for Texans.

Valley Medicinals stands ready to support smart policy — but we stand firmly against legislation that undermines small business and Texas values.

Nina Parker
Cannamom Collective & Myself
San Antonio, TX

My name is Nina Alexandra, and I represent the Cannamom Collective, a nonprofit organization dedicated to cannabis education and family wellness in Texas. I stand before you today to strongly oppose SB3.

This bill not only threatens our communities but dismisses the profound medical benefits that countless Texas families experience.

We have mothers who've chosen natural alternatives over pharmaceutical dependencies, making informed decisions for their families' wellbeing.

The current legislation ignores scientific evidence and perpetuates outdated stigmas.

As a public administrative professional and a mother, I've witnessed firsthand how this stigma affects families, particularly in communities of color. Our members include certified budtenders, healthcare advocates, and educated professionals who understand both the science and the social impact of cannabis.

The real cost of SB3 isn't just financial, it's human.

It's the mother who finds relief from chronic pain, the veterans seeking comfort during PTSD episodes, and the families making informed, responsible choices for their wellness. By criminalizing these choices, we're not protecting our communities; we're harming them. We need legislation that embraces current research, promotes education, and protects families' right to make informed healthcare decisions. Our collective has partnered with medical professionals and cannabis educators across Texas, and the evidence is clear: criminalization isn't the answer. I urge you to vote no on SB3 and instead support legislation that prioritizes education, research, and family wellness. Let's create laws that protect and empower Texas families rather than criminalize them. Thank you for your time.

Sara Mallory

Self

Leander, TX

Forcing Texas constituents to get medicine from black market drug dealers is against your constituents best interest. Saying that children are being poisoned while thousands are shot every year & doing nothing about gun laws is not in your constituents best interest. Forcing Texans to turn to opioids & big pharma is against your constituents. Show Texans, especially Texas Veterans that you actually care by voting no.

Davison Burnett

The hemp corner

Abilene, TX

Absolutely no!

Hannah Shikh-Salim

Self/Artist

Austin, TX

Vote NO on SB 3 (2025)

Relating to the regulation of consumable hemp products and hemp-derived cannabinoids

As members of the Texas Legislature, you are entrusted with balancing public safety, economic prosperity, and personal freedom. Senate Bill 3, though framed as a regulatory safeguard for hemp-derived products, oversteps that balance. It risks criminalizing a legal and thriving industry, stifling entrepreneurship, and alienating countless Texans who rely on these products for relief and wellness.

Since the passage of HB 1325 in 2019, Texas legalized hemp and opened the door for innovation and economic growth. The hemp industry—especially in CBD and hemp-derived cannabinoids like delta-8—has flourished, bringing in millions of dollars and creating jobs across urban and rural communities alike. Many of these businesses are small, locally owned, and operated by veterans, farmers, and entrepreneurs who took legal risks in good faith to build something meaningful.

SB 3 threatens to unravel that progress by introducing layers of new fees, registration requirements, and criminal penalties. It creates a hostile regulatory environment that many small businesses simply cannot afford to navigate, all while favoring large corporations with greater legal and financial resources. This would be a devastating blow to the very people you were elected to represent.

The bill also increases confusion for law enforcement, courts, and consumers by blurring the legal distinction between hemp and marijuana. Instead of streamlining the industry, SB 3 invites chaos—encouraging over-policing and undermining public trust. We should not be using criminal law as a tool to regulate plant products that are federally legal and widely accepted by the public.

Your constituents are not asking you to deregulate the hemp industry—they're asking for fair, clear, and consistent rules. That means supporting product safety, encouraging accurate labeling, and holding bad actors accountable without shutting down legitimate businesses or criminalizing good-faith operators.

SB 3 is a solution in search of a problem—and its consequences will be far-reaching. The Legislature has a chance to support jobs, innovation, and personal freedom. Don't let misinformation or pressure from monopolistic interests steer Texas in the wrong direction.

Vote NO on SB 3. Keep hemp legal, safe, and Texan.

Troy Pruett
Self
Hurst, TX

Thank you for your efforts to improve our state! Respectfully, I oppose this bill. Any type of THC ban will result in a growth of the illicit market. The majority of Texans, myself included, want sensible regulations that allow adults to make their own choices. And while I support restricting youth access, what we most need is enforcement of the existing regulations. Prohibition didn't work for alcohol, and it caused a massive black market for cannabis to proliferate the US. Please. We need responsible cannabis law reform!

Brad Elliston
Self, Self Employed
Cameron, TX

I'm a grown adult. It's my body. Cigarettes and coffee are more addicting and you're only forcing people to harder illegal drugs by restricting harmless drugs. Votes are proof of the peoples will. Legalize and regulate. You work for us representatives, we don't work for you. Have a nice day.

Melissa Sawyer
Self, RN
Spring, TX

We share concerns about youth access and potentially dangerous products sailing under the radar of regulators, but we oppose banning THC for responsible adult use. Such a ban would hand this multi-billion dollar industry over to the illicit market, abandoning all opportunity to enforce regulations.

Rebecca Reddin
Self
Lampasas, TX

I am an adult and use hemp products for pain and stress relief. Hemp products have allowed me to avoid prescription medications that result in a myriad of negative side effects and ultimately lead to addiction. SSRIs, the prescription alternative to hemp as a stress and anxiety relief, cause neurological side effects, lower libido, increase suicidal ideations, and become addictive as tolerances are built. Alcohol, which KILLS people, is another alternative commonly chosen by people who suffer from pain and anxiety. Do you want people to eat a gummy, take a nap, and have effective relief, or drink themselves into an early grave? I don't think it is necessary to mention how many people are killed or injured each day by drunk drivers. We all know which is worse; alcohol or hemp. Hemp DOES NOT KILL.

There are thousands of lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies for injury and misleading marketing tactics. If hemp is so bad, where are the lawsuits? Where are the injuries?

I have elderly family members and know veterans who rely on hemp products just to get through each day. They desire pain relief, stress relief, and other benefits not available in any other medication on the market. You will be hurting these people, not just the hemp manufacturers and retailers.

The legislature should not be depriving adults of access to natural products they choose to use. The Texas Hemp industry is already federally and state-legal and regulated by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Texans believe in personal responsibility and freedom—SB3 is the opposite of that.

The State of Texas will incur a cost of at least \$764 million in lost sales tax revenue and the cost of unemployment assistance for the 53,000 lost jobs if SB3 passes.

Please vote against SB3 for your fellow Texans who just want to live happy and healthy lives.

Thank you,

Rebecca Reddin

Adan Velazquez
self / self employed media management
San Antonio, TX

Instead of banning it. Regulate it. Make some good money off it and pump it into the people of Texas in places we need it. Keep the products safe to consume by regulating it and you can fill everyone's pockets.

Kristopher Healy
Self
Plano, TX

I am against SB 3

Stephen Brynildsen
self - Marketing Professional
SPring, TX

The use of THC is one of the most widely supported, bipartisan issues in the entire country. People from all walks of life use these products for everything from sleep to stress relief to pain relief. I was under the impression that here in Texas we value our personal freedoms. If we need better regulation to ensure these products are manufactured and sold safely, fine. But let's keep the government out of our business and let people enjoy their lives.

Leea Rivera
Hemp
Fort Worth, TX

Dear Senate,
My name is Leea Rivera and I reside in Fort Worth I am a Hemp Consumer. I am writing to please don't ban Hemp, this plant have help me over a year with my aggressive anxiety disorder more than any other prescription pill I tried. This ban will affect a lot of people in this business. I suggest to make sell to only 21+, test on the hemp to make sure everything is under the law. I appreciate your help and please consider the future of the hemp industry in Texas.

McCy Lowry
Self
Plano, TX

Do not vote for SB3. It will take away hundreds of jobs and affordable alternatives to medicines.

Kc Poland, Mr.
Self
Brownwood, TX

This bill must be struck down. Texas is tired of misinformation and fear-mongering, especially by politicians bought by northeastern pharmaceutical companies. We are tired of being kept addicted to opioids. A vote for this bill is a vote against healthier and more affordable pain management for veterans! You cannot support this bill and claim to support veterans.

Kinslea Stone
Self
Little Elm, TX

By passing this law it would greatly affect my life and many others. Not only would it be affecting my job but my personal life at home as well. I sell these products to many people that use it for medical, physical, or even mental trouble. I myself use it to help with my anxiety and depression which has made a huge difference. I don't want to be on pills from the doctors. I find it a healthier and more natural way to help with my mental. Rather than getting addicted to pills. It would also be cutting my pay down and would soon affect the hours I work and many others!

Coleson Brown
Self Hemp Industry Employee
Plano, TX

Hello my name is Coleson Brown and I am writing this comment to OPPOSE SB3. I am a 27 year old hard working employee in the Texas Legal Hemp Industry. I strongly encourage you to VOTE NO on SB3 as it has direct impacts on my life as a voter in this state. I am over 21 years of age and am a legal consumer of hemp in this state. This bill will impact not only my career but my livelihood as a resident in this state. I depend on my income to keep my mother and I fed and a roof over our heads. Again PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB3!

Lisa Lujan
Self
Fort Worth, TX

This bill would affect my livelihood as I work for a doctor owned hemp business in Fort Worth called Thrive Apothecary. The amount of citizens who have completely changed their lives from alcoholism, pain med addiction — to switching to all natural plant remedies is astounding!! The hemp plant has 5000 years of documented history usage for medicinal purposes. It was never deemed illegal until the WASP's in El Paso in the early 1900's used it to rally against migrant Mexican farm workers. The industry has brought billions of dollars in tax revenue to the state of Texas. Please VOTE no on this witch hunt and focus on things that matter.

Timothy Williams
Puff love smoke shop
Plano, TX

Hello my name is Timothy Williams I am an employee here at puff love. I am here to give my reasons on why I believe you guys shouldn't ban Hemp. We are a legit 100% all legal item store that does this the correct way. If you guys take this away from us we lose jobs and small business owners lose money. Thank you guys for hearing us out. We all just want to succeed at the end of the day

Skylar Stringer
Self, puff love
McKinney, TX

I work at a smoke shop regulating safe products, this proposed bill will possibly cut my hours and or/ cost me my job. Without my job I can't feed myself or pay my rent.

Nathan Lewis
Puff love
Plano, TX

Hello my name is Nathan Lewis and I am writing this comment to OPPOSE HB28. I am a 27 year old hard working employee in the Texas Legal Hemp Industry. I strongly encourage you to VOTE NO on HB28 as it has direct impacts on my life as a voter in this state. I am over 21 years of age and am a legal consumer of hemp in this state. This bill will impact not only my career but my livelihood as a resident in this state. I depend on my income to keep my mother and I fed and a roof over our heads. Again PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB28

Jamie Longo
Emerald Organics
Rhome, TX

I am writing to respectfully urge you to vote no on Texas House Bill 28, which seeks to regulate consumable hemp products. As a registered Republican, a proud veteran, and one of your constituents, I rely on cannabis-derived hemp products to manage my depression and PTSD—conditions I've carried since my service. These products have been a lifeline for me, offering relief without the side effects or dependency risks of pharmaceutical drugs.

Like many Texans, I value personal freedom and limited government intervention. HB 28, while perhaps well-intentioned, risks overregulating a safe, natural alternative that supports veterans and civilians alike. I chose hemp because it aligns with my preference for self-reliance over Big Pharma solutions. Studies, like those from the American Legion's veteran surveys, show cannabis helps thousands of us cope with mental health challenges when other options fail.

As a Republican, I support policies that protect individual choice and economic opportunity. Hemp products not only benefit users like me but also sustain jobs and small businesses in Texas. Tightening regulations could limit access, drive up costs, and push people toward less safe alternatives—or back to pharmaceuticals I've worked hard to avoid.

I understand concerns about public safety, but existing laws already address misuse. HB 28 feels like a step too far, infringing on liberties I fought for. Please consider the veterans and hardworking Texans who depend on these products for their well-being. I ask you to stand with us by voting no and preserving our right to choose what works best for our health.

Thank you for your service to our district and for taking the time to hear my perspective. I'd welcome the chance to discuss this further if you're willing.

Sincerely,

Jamie Longo
Veteran and Registered Voter

Julie Bell, Ms
Self
Conroe, TX

Banning THC products harms citizens who are helped by the health benefits of these products. It will also negatively impact local businesses and the economy. The THC industry generates billions in revenue and employs thousands of Texans. Banning it won't stop it. Keep it legal so it can be regulated. Don't pass this bill.

Lauren Holder
Self
May, TX

Please do not pass this bill in regards to hemp products and the businesses that sell it. I have never been someone who has supported the use of marijuana in any form. When you see a loved one or pet who is in pain and big pharmacy doesn't help or you can't afford it; I have seen what hemp based products can do to bring relief to their suffering. You will not stop the sell of marijuana all you will do is succeed in keeping law abiding citizens from getting the only relief they have experienced in years. I go to a true business who educates me in what will help. It's not a shady business dealing out of the back door. The owners have played by the rules and have provided a service to those of us who were desperate for relief. We are law abiding citizens please do not pass these bills that will ultimately shut down these businesses. If that happens it will make people make a decision to stay in pain and obey the law or go to the back door and buy it illegally to get relief for family and pets.

Elizabeth Meigs

Self

Waco, TX

I am against this bill because full-spectrum CBD gave me my life back in 2019 after I suffered a traumatic brain injury 25 years ago at the age of 14. I shouldn't be here today, but God's voice in my heart throughout my recovery in high school is what gave me hope and kept me fighting for a better life. He said, "I have a plan for you. You can't stop. You have to keep going." In 2019, after I became the voice of hope for others in 2012 while working as an occupational therapist, God gave me my hope in a bottle, which was full-spectrum CBD oil. This gave me my life back. I had been suffering for 19 years, lucky to get 2-3 hours of halfway decent sleep, and nothing that doctors, prescriptions, or over-the-counter meds ever provided worked 100% of the time. I also suffered from severe muscle spasms that sent me to the ER 1-2 times a year for 19 years, leaving me out of commission for 2-3 days. I was miserable and in pain from five foot surgeries, five eye surgeries, and hormonal issues where the prescriptions increased my risk of cancer. But then CBD oil came into my life, the entire hemp plant, and it gave me my life back as well as a way to help others. I began to be called an angel by those I educated on the benefits who also regained their lives, not just my patients. This was how God took all the bad in my life and turned it into the greater good. He was using me to heal people who were suffering just as He did through Jesus in the Bible, I'm eternally grateful for that, that is how He has rewarded me for all that I have endured and trusting and believing in Him, and through His grace and mercy saved me. If this bill passes, everyone who is seeing health benefits and has regained their lives will be left suffering. God created this plant and a system in our bodies that requires it to regulate every other system, allowing Him to heal us instead of using a band-aid from big pharma that causes liver damage and many other long-term health complications. I have seen addicts of drug and alcohol abuse get off these harmful substances, and I have seen cancer patients during treatment regain a quality of life they only prayed for. If this plant were damaging our brains, as the Lt. Gov reports, then it would not have healed my brain in any of the ways it has. That is a bold lie from uneducated people who don't have the facts to back up their claims. I have many stories I can share. God chose me to be living, breathing proof of how He is still healing today just as He did through Jesus. Please look into your hearts and say no to SB3.

Skylar Monchak

self / puff love

Mckinney, TX

Hi my name is Skylar Monchak and I am writing this comment to OPPOSE SB3. I am a 24 year old and a hard working employee in the Texas Legal Hemp Industry. I strongly encourage you to VOTE NO on SB3 as it has direct impacts on my life as I am over 21 years of age and am a legal consumer of hemp in this state. This bill will definitely impact not only my career but my livelihood as a resident in this state. I depend on my income to keep my mother and I fed and a roof over our heads. Again PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB3

Alex Hall

Self/ restaurant manager

Millsap, TX

As a Texan, who has chronic pain and mental health issues, in which taking prescribed medication makes me a non functioning member of society, in other words a medically induced vegetable. Cannabis has long been the way in which I continue to live as normal of a life as I possibly can. While I admit I would much prefer to use cannabis in the traditional sense, banning these other forms of thc is only going to do more harm than good, it will bring about a larger black market which is already thriving well and alive no matter the "large" busts that happen. These accessible legal, albeit I digress through loopholes, forms of thc have helped countless thousands of people. Texas while having a medical cannabis program is incredibly difficult to be accepted into and is absolutely laughable in terms of effectiveness for most patients especially those that are already considered. To further my point here, these accessible cannabinoids are most crucial in my honest opinion to veterans, who for far too long have been ignored not just by the federal government but, our own state government as well, these cannbinoids and their different terpenes help these great men and women who CHOSE to volunteer to protect our country with their lives. To deny them the care they deserve and then to turn around and take this away/ not give them true legal cannabis is not only entirely absurd but is also entirely morally and ethically reprehensible. I will not stand idly by no longer as those in power use their greedy, grimy hands to make themselves richer any longer.

Abigail Ibarra
Self
Brownwood, TX

To whom it may concern, I'm opposing this ban as it hurts many local businesses and entrepreneurs. Cannabis/hemp is not a criminal drug nor is it a drug it's an herb. Which many use to relieve pain and or stress which helps better than modern medicine.

Christin Salas
Self
Mckinney, TX

Hello my name is Christin Salas and I am writing this comment to OPPOSE SB3. I am a 33 year old hard working employee in the Texas Legal Hemp Industry. I strongly encourage you to VOTE NO on SB3 as it has direct impacts on my life as a voter in this state. I am over 21 years of age and am a legal consumer of hemp in this state. This bill will impact not only my career but my livelihood as a resident in this state. I depend on my income to keep my mother and I fed and a roof over our heads. Again PLEASE VOTE NO ON SB3

Mikayla Vanbeek
Myself / Manager at Puff Love Smoke Shop
Flower Mound, TX

If you put this Bill through so many people are going to lose their jobs because small businesses won't be able to have enough to keep everyone anymore. Older customers won't be able to get their medicine that helps them with arthritis or pain from chemo when they had cancer. There's so many stories you hear from customers when they come in, they're looking for something to help them with pain and be able to relax and not hurt every day anymore. There's no real reason to take away any of these products cause once you do you'll have more issues with "crime" and more risks with people who are just trying to be okay be closer to fentanyl because you decided to take away hemp based products that helps everyone in different way. They only thing you think you're doing by taking this away is "helping to keep people clean" or "keeping drugs out" but really you're gonna be making more people risk their lives to feel better because no one knows what they're buying when you get it off the streets, could be laced or could be fake and so YOU would be the ones putting them at risk. YOUR hands would be dirty if you agree to this bill. With that being said I think the best thing would be to say No and let people be able to have some say with their life and help people be able to have their medication so they can feel better then when they wake up without it. Put yourself in someone else's shoes for the day and see how it would feel being in horrible pain everyday and and not being able to help it with anything. Hemp based products are so much better than opioids and are less addicting. Opioids can make a person go crazy and be so confused and the biggest one people overdose on Opioids. If you smoke or take too much hemp you just feel sick and maybe throw up there's not overdosing. Opioids have worse health risks even though they give them to people to improve pain and health. Hemp based products help you by being mostly natural and actually give you relief without getting you addicted. People use hemp based products daily and you'd be the ones taking away the only thing to help some people. I ask you to please reconsider voting yes for this bill after you've read this. Put yourself in their shoes again and see how much this would effect your daily life if you weren't 100% healthy anymore. I appreciate the time I was able to have from you reading this and I ask you to vote no on this bill. Thank you

Kayla Temshiv

Self

Highland Village, TX

I am writing in STRONG opposition of Senate Bill 3, and urge others to do the same. This bill is fundamentally flawed. Under the guise of protecting kids, this bill seeks to eliminate upwards of 50,000 jobs and take away the freedom of choice for natural healing from the Texas consumer. Hemp products, ALL hemp products, require the consumer to be 21 in order to purchase them. Lawfully operated businesses are not selling these products to kids, and shutting them down is only taking hemp based products away from responsible adult consumers. I have upwards of 2.5 years of experience working in the hemp industry, and I can say definitively that hemp is a crucial part of healthcare for many of the people I've helped on a daily basis. I see people dealing with chronic pain and fatigue, PTSD, insomnia, anxiety, and painful cancer treatments every day that come in to a store I work at and find that hemp is the only solution that works for them. These people who have stepped away from traditional medication either because of prohibitive pricing or lack of success, find that hemp is the ONLY cost-effective solution to their pain management that is readily and safely available for them. If this bill passes, lawful hemp-users will be forced to either live a more painful life, or look for their hemp products from unsafe, illegal sources. The United States has a fentanyl problem, and safe hemp, with third party lab testing, eliminates the danger of fentanyl poisoning completely for the safe adult consumers. Do not make these people criminals, do not make them put themselves at risk of fentanyl poisoning to live a relatively pain free life. If you have any interest in the well being of veterans, victims of prohibitive pain conditions, and those who simply wish to self-medicate safely, please make your opposition to this bill known.

Payton Conaway

Self. Store manager at smoke shop.

Plano, TX

Hello. My name is Payton Conaway. I am a Texas resident. I work in the legal hemp industry as well as a legal hemp consumer. I strongly advise to vote NO! This bill will strongly impact my job, my income, my business. This will also affect my livelihood as a consumer. This ban will affect thousands of people & their jobs. I love my job & it keeps a roof over my head as well as food on my table for me. This will negatively impact many businesses & livelihoods over so many others. So PLEASE vote NO!

Kori Magsam

Self small hemp business employee

Blanco, TX

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation concerning the banning of hemp in Texas, specifically Bills SB23 and HB28. As a citizen deeply invested in the welfare of our state, I believe that the prohibition of hemp would have profound negative impacts on our economy, environment, and the rights of Texan farmers and consumers.

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In conclusion, I urge you to consider the far-reaching implications of Bills SB23 and HB28 on Texas farmers, consumers, and the economy as a whole. I request that you stand against these bills and instead support policies that harness the potential of hemp as a valuable agricultural resource. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope for your support in fostering a thriving hemp industry in Texas.

Sincerely,

Kori Magsam

Patrick Kilburn

Self

San Antonio, TX

While concerns about unregulated products and youth access were raised, banning these products outright is not the answer. Prohibition has never worked. It would wipe out an entire industry, eliminate jobs, and push consumers toward unregulated markets where there are no ID checks, no testing, and no oversight. Notably, testimony from scientists and farmers highlighted that the THC limits proposed in SB 3 are impossible to meet, further proving that this bill is unworkable. We fully support stronger regulations on hemp-derived products, including strict age limits to keep intoxicating products away from minors, but an outright ban is the wrong approach. Instead, Texas should follow the lead of other states that have successfully implemented common-sense regulations that protect consumers and hold businesses accountable.

Desyrae D Oswald

Self

Rockport, TX

I strongly believe if this bill gets passed, many Texans, including the people this bill is so concerned about, "the children" will be at high risk for having to find illegal alternatives. Children right now could text their buddies at school and get access to "tch" products without ever stepping foot into a regulated smoke shop. If we are so concerned about protecting our people and children, ban tobacco and nicotine, the leading cause of lung cancer. Focus on the illegal drug trade happening within our state. Focus on the outrageous amount of Illegal fentanyl coming into our state. We are in the year 2025, research has proven time and time again that "tch deprived products" have medical benefits for their users and quite frankly getting a medical marijuana card is not the easiest nor most accessible option. If you care so much about Texan citizens, listen to our concerns, and pleads. More than half of Texans oppose this bill. You work for Texans, not yourself and your own agenda. Thank you for your time. Desyrae Dawn Oswald.

Hollie Lambert

Self

VIDOR, TX

As Texas debates THC regulations, it's crucial to consider the real implications of restricting its use. Age restrictions and requirements are already in place, making further limitations unnecessary and counterproductive. The majority of Texans support the full legalization of THC for recreational use, a sentiment our leadership should not ignore. Dan Patrick's staunch opposition overlooks the clear voice of the people he represents.

Banning THC products not only feeds the illegal cartel drug trade by moving money out of Texas but also severely restricts legitimate medical uses. Our medical marijuana policies are already restrictively tight, and further limitations could disproportionately harm veterans and others suffering from chronic pain. Moreover, such restrictions infringe on constitutional rights, impacting personal freedoms and autonomy. Texas should be enhancing access, not hindering it, recognizing the economic, social, and personal benefits that a regulated THC market could bring to our state.

Mike Millsap

Self

Sachse, TX

No

Randi Jones

Self

Sachse, TX

I oppose this bill

Parker Healy

Self

Spring, TX

Do not criminalize Hemp or weed related products

Deryk Lopez

Danny Boys Hemp Co.

San Antonio, TX

SB3 is not for the people. SB3 supports corporate greed.

Jonah Brown, Regulate Hemp

self, manager

Houston, TX

A ban on the products is completely senseless. Lies have been used to spread paranoia regarding hemp products. Thc and hemp products have been available since the passing of the farm bill years ago. It has created numerous job and helped to bring money into the economy. Thc is not poisonous or life threatening. It is a hypocrazy to allow the purchase of alcohol and tobacco, but not for hemp or thc products. We should seek regulation instead. Enforce companies to adhere to strict guidelines so there is no danger of adulterants in hemp products. Set an age restriction of 21 years of age to be able to purchase hemp products. There are the main areas of concern regarding the industry.

Alyssa Schones

self - sales

Abilene, TX

I oppose SB 3

David Gallaher

Self

Jonestown, TX

I express my strong opposition to this bill as it only seeks to damage the Legal Hemp Industry while strengthening a dangerous black market. Again, this is a strong NO to SB 3!

Tabitha Midgley

Self

Fort Worth, TX

Legalize the sale of thc & tax it every state in every direction of us is legal make thc safe .

Jacqueline Pelcastre, Miss

Self

Denton, TX

This bill will harm communities and people who use it for their own recreational use or even pain relief. If this bill passed it will create the path for people to turn to harder and harsher drugs that are being brought into this country as we speak. I agree on having regulations on D8 and hemp but banning it will destroy my job and prevent people from finding pain relief, a legal way to consume and not having to deal with the trauma and anguish of having to go to jail for something that isn't a schedule 1 or 2 substance. It's absolutely absurd that our own representatives want to outlaw something that has helped and build communities, if you are who we voted for then please make the right decision. Mid terms aren't far away.

Savanna Castillo

self

Alice, TX

Please note that there are many people whom consume and partake in the hemp products daily to help with aches and pains of everyday life. Hemp products help millions of people daily to be able to get out of bed or even to just walk. Products that are Hemp-derived are some people's only choice for pain relief to their sciatic nerve, back pain, knee pain, surgery pain. Some people would rather use Hemp-Products rather than have to be prescribed an opioid and possibly become dependent on that opioid for life. There are many products that can help in a multitude of ways whether it be some sort of tincture or even pain relieving rubs that are hemp derived. These products are a life saver in many people's lives especially if they've ever been an addict, these products give people a safe choice and many options to choose from whether it is flower or wax or rubs or tinctures. The health benefits alone of the Hemp plant really speak for itself and honestly Texas would benefit greatly from the industry if they were to make it completely legal for citizens. Many states have profited tremendously in the Cannabis Industry.

Alisa Story

Natural Ways and More (CBD)

Magnolia, TX

Good morning members of the Committee and thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Alisa Story and my husband and I started Natural Ways and More 6 years ago after seeing a family member with a rare seizure disorder benefit from CBD and THC given to her by her doctors.

We spent 6 months researching the industry and opened our first Natural Ways in North Houston.

Over the last 6 years we have seen 1000's of our customer benefit from Hemp derived Cannabinoid's with them telling us about their relief from chronic pain, inflammation, PTSD, autism, seizures and many other conditions. They are scared of what a ban will do to them! By banning, you are taking away their freedom of personal choice of natural hemp derived products and back to pharmaceuticals.

Many people have talked at length about the economic devastation this ban will on Texas and Texans. We are very concerned that the impact these bills will have on people who rely on hemp derived products and buy from reputable, self regulated companies.

This bill takes away legal access to safe, lab tested products. Instead of a ban, we support regulations. At Natural Ways we have self regulated from the beginning. We are registered with the state of Texas, we order directly from the manufacturer (most are Texas based companies), lab reports on every product, we refuse to carry any product that's labeling would be attractive to children, we don't sell to anyone under 21 and our new employees train on hemp derived products for a minimum of two weeks before starting their first shift in a store.

We at Natural Ways would love to work together on responsible and reasonable regulations with you. You are welcome to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time.

Christina Cruz

Self- marketing specialist

Austin, TX

Hemp is medicine, we are trying to keep ourselves healthy and advance our quality of life, these are not people looking to get drunk-- it is entirely different. These are people who have succeeded in getting free of alcohol and opioids and seek to stay free of them with help from the relief hemp provides. Our bodies are made with an endocannabinoid system that regulates balance and wellness in our bodies it doesn't make sense to ban something that has such a benefit to us naturally-- especially when a poison like alcohol is allowed to be sold in stores all over at high quantities. It only speaks of corruption and things that do not make a constituent want to vote for someone in support of this ban, ever again. This is a clear signal of who cares about the people and who honestly does not. Please care about us and do not support SB3.

Angela Nielsen

self landlord

Nederland, TX

oppose

Grace Brewer

Self, project manager

Amarillo, TX

I protest this bill. It's ridiculous

Tricia McCoy

Self

Keller, TX

I'm all for regulations but not when it's all about money. People's health matters and so do small businesses. Let us choose what's right for our body and health. Big pharma is not always the answer for many. Let's not go backwards in the cannabis industry. Do not make people taking their health into their own hands a crime!

KALIEGH BENCK

SELF | SELF EMPLOYED WOODWORKER

AUSTIN, TX

I am writing in to OPPOSE SB 3. As a self-employed woman, working in a field that requires physical strength and exertion, while also enduring chronic pain and an auto-immune disease, access to legal CBD and THC products has been life-changing in the best way for me. I currently use a CBD product that is locally owned and sold here in Austin and I know the passing of this bill will drastically negatively affect this small business and our community. I have already gone through doctor prescribed pain relievers, physical therapy -- you name it. The only product that helps me relieve pain and also keep me conscious and able-bodied enough to get through the day are these CBD gummies.

I feel like our focus right now should be uplifting and making it easier for local businesses to thrive in this economy, and this bill would do the exact opposite.

Thank you for hearing me out today.

Linley Harvick

Self

Granbury, TX

Please do your research and let's make Texas Green legalize this plant

Carolyn Leeper

Self entrepreneur

San Antonio, TX

SB3 would decimate a thriving hemp industry that gives thousands of Texans the opportunity to use natural wellness products instead of harmful pharmaceuticals, which have numerous proven negative side effects. Instead of allowing a thriving, regulated, legal hemp market this bill would send hemp underground and expose Texans to the potential harms of having to get their wellness products off the street - meaning they would not be lab-tested and could be laced with outside substances that could be harmful. I use full spectrum hemp products every day that I get from a licensed hemp retailer, these products are lab tested and I can see all ingredients in the product. It makes me feel safe to be able to purchase these products from a trusted source instead of having to purchase them off the street with unknown origins and contents.

Nineth Escamilla

Doobie's Hemp Co.

Eagle Pass, TX

Working for the hemp company has been a transformative experience for my family and me. As a single mother, my job is my primary source of support, and when I lost my income due to unfair termination from the health industry, I felt utterly hopeless. My anxiety escalated significantly. I was overwhelmed by emotions and panic. My mind was consumed by worries about the future and how I would manage. When I say I was on the brink of despair, I feel it's an understatement. Fortunately, Mr. Jose Perez, the owner of Doobie's Hemp Co, recognized my potential and offered me an opportunity. Today, I proudly help with one of his stores and have discovered a new passion for customer service and digital marketing, for which I am eternally grateful to my boss. This place saved my life and it really is my safe zone. On behalf of my family and I, I ask to reconsider the SB3 bill.

Sibyl Swift, Founder
Representing cbdMD, Inc.
Pflugerville, TX

Chairperson King, Vice Chair Hernandez, and Members of the Committee,

We respectfully submit this testimony in strong opposition to SB3. Texans overwhelmingly support access to hemp-derived wellness products, and responsible regulation—not prohibition—is the right path forward.

At cbdMD, we've sold hundreds of thousands of cannabinoid products to Texans, ranging from THC-free broad-spectrum to low-THC full-spectrum options, in formats such as capsules, tinctures, gummies, beverages, and topicals. Our products are made in FDA-registered, cGMP-certified facilities and tested in ISO 17025-accredited labs for safety and purity. We conduct clinical trials, including OECD safety, human RCT, and pet studies, and have submitted our products for regulatory approval abroad. We strictly follow federal and state labeling laws. cbdMD is a model for responsible hemp companies.

Texas' hemp industry includes 1,200+ businesses, supports tens of thousands of jobs, and generates over \$10B in economic impact. SB3, as written, would devastate this legal market, pushing consumers to unsafe illicit products. However, with targeted amendments, SB3 can protect public health without dismantling the industry.

We recommend the following sensible regulations:

1. Product Testing

Require ISO 17025-accredited labs to test for cannabinoid content, residual solvents, heavy metals, pesticides, microbes, and mycotoxins. COAs should be QR-accessible.

2. Packaging & Labeling

Require child-resistant packaging for THC products. Ban youth-targeted branding (e.g., cartoons, candy look-alikes). Mandate clear labeling with cannabinoid content, ingredients, warnings, serving sizes, batch codes, and expiration dates.

3. Ban Synthetic Cannabinoids

Allow only naturally occurring cannabinoids (like Delta-9 THC). Prohibit synthetic or chemically altered forms (e.g., Delta-8 from CBD).

4. Age Restrictions

Restrict THC products to adults 21+. CBD and other non-THC cannabinoids should be 18+.

5. THC Limits

Set limits at 5 mg THC per serving and 100 mg per package—science-backed and already adopted in states like FL, GA, MN, MD, and UT.

6. Licensing & Product Registration

Require licensing for all manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers. Products must be registered with COAs and labels on file. Retailers should follow age verification and proper storage protocols.

7. Fees & Inspections

Establish tiered, fair registration fees to fund oversight. Conduct annual and random inspections for compliance.

8. Taxation

Impose a THC-specific retail excise tax, in addition to sales tax, to fund public health and enforcement efforts.

Texans support legal, safe cannabis access. A 2023 UT/Texas Politics Project poll showed 72% of Texans favor cannabis legalization. We urge this committee to revise SB3 to reflect Texas values: personal freedom, public safety, and economic opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Naqeeb Shinwari, Owner

SB3

Killeen, TX

Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill SB3 and HB28

Chair and members of the committee, I am pleased to submit testimony in strong opposition to Senate Bill SB3 and HB28.

My name is Naqeeb Jalal Shinwari, the owner and manager of Chill Zone 3 Smoke Shop. I am a 100% disabled veteran of the US Army. I served in Afghanistan for six years as a combat interpreter. A year ago, I got out of the military because of several medical conditions, such as knee pain, back pain, anxiety, depression, PTSD, and more, when one of my friends who is also suffering from the same conditions told me about the THCA gummies and flowers. At first, I told him that it is illegal and I couldn't get them on the street from some shady person. Then he told me everything about how it's legal, and I can obtain it from a legitimate source. I remember the first time I ate THC gummies, and it took all my pain away, and all the other conditions got a lot better since then.

After all the miracles that happened to me, I decided to start my store. I started my business in 2021, and I helped more than five hundred disabled veterans who were very close to getting their own lives. I feel very proud and satisfied that I am helping the people who help our country by providing security. As a soldier, I can feel the pain of each of my battle buddies. Only a soldier can understand the pain of another soldier. On the other hand, I am helping more than 10 families financially, including orphans, which gives me peace. The guilt I feel because of the wars we fought, which left millions of people dead for no legitimate reason. Now, I feel a little satisfied because of my business that I can help at least some of the orphans.

If the SB3 and HB28 pass, I am sure that all the non-tested supplements and flowers will be on every street. Then, there will be no age matter, no school, no college, and nothing can stop those criminals from selling. There will be no tax, no rent, no energy bills, and no expenses, so everyone can easily find whatever they want to find. It will pave the road for cocaine and other killing drugs, where there will be no checks and controls. The crimes will touch the sky within a year.

In conclusion, I would say that sometimes we as human beings think that something is bad; however, we are planning for a lot worse than we think about. Please, before taking any decision, think about all the veterans, orphans, employees and their families, owners and their families, and all the people who eat their food from it.

Israel Yzaguirre

Self

Hillsboro, TX

Make it legal! Please let's just regulate it and make it safe to consume for all above 21 years of age! Why allow alcohol when it kills people every second!! WE THE PEOPLE WANT IT LEGALIZED!!! Please make it happen!!

David Howard

Self

Seguin, TX

Please do not overcorrect. CBD and CBN need to be preserved for inflammation and pain relief.

Alexander Simpson

Texas hill country vape and smoke

Driftwood, TX

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Sara Fleming

Self

Burleson, TX

I've worked at both a CBD only shop and at a regular vape shop. I know personally that it helps so many people. People with cancer. People with tremors. Veterans. Taking away these hemp items would be detrimental to the health of Texans. And it is wrong to criminalize people for doing something that does not harm anyone else. People do not overdose on hemp. It is not a gateway to other substances. Americans voices are being ignored all around this country and this bill being passed will just be more people going unheard. Please listen carefully to the people speaking today.

Sarah Durkee

Self - Product Designer

Round Rock, TX

Honestly in reading this bill it seems like the state is just trying to make more money. When ALL YOU HAVE TO DO is make cannabis legal in Texas to actually help the state as a whole. I heartily vote NO for SB 3 by Perry. Do something GOOD for a change. Throw this entire bill OUT entirely. Everyone I know here in this state consumes cannabis in some way shape or form. I personally use this for anxiety and chronic pain management where I would otherwise have to use harsh opioids and/or anxiolytics. Putting further regulations, adding more fees, or even banning any form of it all together is doing nothing but create more criminals who are NOT CRIMINALS! Texas boasts the highest per capita incarceration rates IN THE COUNTRY. Do better, Texas. I heartily vote NO for SB 3 by Perry.

Olga Cisneros

Self, am Cancer patient. Product Support Technician

Killeen, TX

I am a cancer patient with late cancer. No cure. My cbd htc gummies help balance my moods & help me have an appetite to eat so I can keep fighting cancer.

Sean Haezebrouck

Self

Austin, TX

Please don't send Texas politically backwards on this issue. While some regulation is necessary, criminalizing cannabinoids across the board is an extremely measure. People, such as veterans and seizure patients, need easy access to these medicines. Yes, they are medicinal and safer to use than alcohol and many prescribed drugs. Please find a reasonable and safe way to control cannabinoids instead of penalizing and criminalizing those who depend on these products. Thank you for your time.

Paul Dunn
Texas Hill Country Vape and Smoke
Austin, TX

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the proposed ban on hemp products in Texas. We employ over 100 people directly and indirectly. Our direct employees earn over 1 million dollars a year and our indirect employees likely earn more than 2 million a year. All of our families rely on the compensation we / they receive through employment at our company. Sales of the products we offer generate almost 300k per year in sales tax revenue for the state on local municipalities. Our customers include every day people, veterans and people with chronic injuries suffer with pain and extreme anxiety. They currently do not qualify under the stringent guidelines of the Texas Compassionate Use Program, this Legislation poses a significant threat to their well-being and daily life.

While they likely do not meet the specific criteria for a medical marijuana card, they have expressed that they have found considerable relief and support through hemp-derived products. These products have become a crucial component of customers daily routine, helping them manage symptoms that severely impact their quality of life. Whether it's alleviating chronic pain, reducing anxiety or improving customer's overall life and well-being, hemp provides a natural alternative that significantly enhances customer's ability to function each day.

The proposed ban would take away access to these vital natural medicines and resources, forcing customers to navigate a return to more conventional and often harsher medications like pain killers and Xanax that is addictive and comes with a plethora of side effects. This ban would not only affects their health negatively but also the ability to work and support their families. The loss of access to hemp products would create an unnecessary burden, pushing away from the holistic approach that brings relief and peace to millions.

It's essential to recognize that many individuals are left in the gaps of the current medical cannabis program, unable to qualify for assistance but equally deserving of access to treatment options. A ban on hemp would disproportionately affect those who rely on these products to improve everyday lives, requiring them to seek alternatives that may not align with our health needs, religious beliefs or preferences.

I urge you to consider the widespread implications this proposed ban would have on individuals who are doing their best to manage their health responsibly. Rather than imposing restrictions that could harm many, we should focus on developing regulations that allow for safe access, ensuring those who need these products can continue to benefit from them. Hemp products are life saving and life improving products and should be left up to each adult individual as a personal choice or preference. Thank you for your consideration and attention to this critical issue. I hope you will stand with those of us who seek equitable access to hemp products and oppose this ban.

Margie Virdell
Self
Round Rock, TX

I am against the virtual outlawing of these hemp products. Please vote against this bill.

Claudia Huffman, Ms.
Self- agricultural engineer
Buda, TX

Opposed.

Anjala Dowdy
Self and Vape Store manager
Groesbeck, TX

I oppose these bills and rely on these products to be able to keep my job. I also use these products to help with my degenerative disc disease. I will not reelect supporters of SB3 and HB28.

Shannon Harrison, Mrs.

Self

Campbell, TX

I am a registered nurse and my brother owns a hemp store. I have personally referred multiple patients, friends, and co workers to my brother over the last few years for things such as pain, insomnia, seizures, and anxiety that prescription medications did not alleviate and if those medications did help, they had horrible side effects. Hemp has helped them with all of their symptoms with minimal to no side effects. I know of many people who would not be able to make it day to day without hemp. It is not a gateway drug. This is a plant made by God that was put here for a reason and helps way too many people to pass this bill. The problem is not with the hemp industry. It is with the pharmaceutical companies pushing opiates that do not help, cause addiction, and have horrible side effects. If this bill passes, the results could be devastating for thousands of people who depend on it to be able to function and be productive members of society. This will force them to either suffer with no help, get it illegally and risk jail time, or worse, force them into opiate addiction. Please vote against SB3 and prevent this from happening!!!

Erika Garcia, Miss

self

Buda, TX

To the Members of the Texas House,

My name is Erika Garcia , and I am writing to strongly oppose Senate Bill 3 (SB3). I work for two Texas-based businesses — SmokeATX and Marvelous Smoke — which operate legally in the hemp and alternative wellness industry. I'm proud to be part of a company that follows every rule, serves our local community, and provides stable jobs in an industry that has brought opportunity and growth to this state.

SB3 is a direct threat to my job and the livelihoods of many Texans. This bill proposes overly broad and restrictive regulations on hemp-derived products that are already legal under both the 2018 Federal Farm Bill and current Texas law. These are not unregulated or unsafe products — they are tested, labeled, sold only to adults, and monitored under the law as it stands today. SB3 threatens to undo all of that with unclear language, sudden limitations, and rules that could wipe out entire shelves of compliant products.

As someone who works face-to-face with customers every day, I see the benefit these products bring to people's lives. We don't sell to children, we don't sell unsafe goods, and we don't take shortcuts. If SB3 passes, many of us will be out of work — not because we broke any laws, but because the law suddenly changed the rules on legal, hard-working businesses.

Small businesses like SmokeATX and Marvelous Smoke are the backbone of Texas retail. We create jobs, pay taxes, support families, and follow the rules. SB3 would punish us for doing everything right.

Please vote no on SB3. This bill threatens my job, our customers, and a responsible industry that has followed the law from the start.

Respectfully,

Erika Garcia

Employee, SmokeATX & Marvelous Smoke

David Blanton

Self general labor

Fort Worth, TX

I belive the choice of this bill can relate to my day to day life due to my seizures and high blood pressure these items are able to get me results to my conditions sometimes faster than my medication can and as the new insurance issue comes to light that my bcbs insurance isn't accepted by my family doctors anymore it may take me longer to get my medicine or refills with stores open to help adjust to the possibility of that I am against this bill

Bailey Worrell

self

Rockwall, TX

I oppose this bill and rely on these products. I will not reelect supporters of SB3.

Carter Brown

Self

Frisco land, TX

this shit is fucking stupid why can't the old people of Texas get on with the new age?

Maegan Ortega

Self

Troup, TX

Please consider leaving the current hemp laws in place as they currently are and allow for CBD and Hemp consumables to be able to be sold, purchased, and consumed/used in the state of Texas without creating criminal penalties. As a nurse I have seen first hand the significant medicinal benefits of CBD, hemp products, and medical marijuana. I see many patients who were in pain management without success, requiring opioids and unwanted side effects causing additional issues. Many of these patients who did not have optimal results with addictive narcotics have been able to successfully seek pain management relief with use of CBD and Hemp products. If this law passes so many Texans will be negatively affected. They will be required to seek illegal options to obtain marijuana illegally and untested which could be laced with lethal drugs or contaminants. I also strongly believe if this passes the state of Texas will see MORE drug trafficking to meet the demand of Texans seeking pain relief. They may also turn to more dangerous street drugs. Currently products are required to be tested to ensure they are under the legal limit and no contaminants, this can at least be regulated. Influx of "street drugs" cannot. Not only have I seen great results with pain management patients I have also seen positive outcomes with mental health, anxiety, insomnia, lack of appetite, nausea etc. Many of these patients I see do not meet criteria for compassionate care act and even if they did the costs are not realistic for people on fixed income. Aside from negativity impacting consumers, employees and businesses will be at risk of losing their jobs which can directly affect government funds. I believe Texas will see rise in unemployment benefits and government assistant programs such as Medicaid and SNAP. CBD and Hemp are profitable businesses that are taxed, and the government will lose out on those funds as well. Please consider leaving the current bills in place and do not strip this legal access from our fellow Texans! Thank you for your time, Maegan

Reece Roy

Self, CBD Plus USA sales associate

Denton, TX

My name is Reece Roy and I oppose SB3 and HB28. These bills would take away access to products that people of different ages and backgrounds use for their needs. I work at CBD Plus USA and I have seen just about every type of person consuming these products for various reasons. Many use this for the health benefits, like pain, inflammation, seizures, etc. Others use it for mental health reasons like anxiety, depression, OCD, etc. The amount of concern I get each day I work is rising as the days pass. These products are also used to combat addiction. Many people tell me they are scared of what they will do if hemp is banned. I have people tell me they haven't drank in years, or it's steered them away from worse options. It would not only take away medicine from people but cause many to lose their jobs. I am working at a company that cares so deeply about this product, the way it helps people, and doing it as safe as possible. This is the best job I have ever had and I care a great deal about losing it. I have people express concern of what they will do when this is no longer regulated. We can't stop things like this from existing and being bought/sold; but we can regulate them and ensure it is done as safely as possible. With hemp, we can ensure products are out there that are less than 0.3% THC. If these bills pass, we won't be able to guarantee this. It will increase the likelihood of it being sold elsewhere and not safely.

I ask you to instead support HB4242. Please hear the mass amount of people who are asking for this. Think of the mass amounts that die from alcohol, especially young/college age kids. We can't stop people from medicating themselves, but we can give healthy options for them. We have things ranging from CBD tinctures to dog treats. This would hurt so many people, physically, mentally, financially. It is not worth it. Please support HB4242. Save hemp. Taking it away will only cause more damage to the people, their health, and addiction issues. Thank you for hearing us out.

Andrew Cantrill

Self

Del Valle, TX

To the Members of the Texas House,

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Respectfully,

Andrew Cantrill

Employee, SmokeATX & Marvelous Smoke

325-248-3664

Kandice Wagner

Self

ADDISON, TX

As a medical professional in Texas I strongly oppose HB28 and SB3.

First, these bills would devastate an industry that supports over 50,000 jobs and generates nearly \$10 billion in revenue for our state. Especially in a time of such uncertainty and inflation fears. I do strongly support regulation for consumer safety, but these bills are extreme. If we want to be so regressive, why are we not looking at alcohol in the same fashion? Cannabis has many studies shown to help people in various ways. Myself included as a high functional professional that sometimes struggles with anxiety. Not to the extent that I need to medicate myself, but to the extent that I would rather use a small dose of cannabis versus a drink or two, which seems absurd that one is acceptable and not the other. Yes. I would prefer regulations to better know the source and dose. I am athlete as well. Cannabis has not negatively affected me the way we all know alcohol does.

Second, as a whole, Texans overwhelmingly support open access to cannabis. Are we not looking to represent what we want as a whole? Couldn't our scarce and overworked resources for law enforcement be better utilized for larger criminal concerns? It seems evident from victories in major cities, that our people support to decriminalize cannabis for personal use.

Instead of completely shutting down an entire sector that has many positive aspects, I hope for consideration of a balanced policy that is inclusive of many other factors that seem to possibly be lost in personal agenda.

Please vote NO on these bills.

Stephen Harrison
Self, store mgr, ZAR Wellness
Roanoke, TX

I oppose SB3 and HB28; I will not reelect supporters of either of these bills.

Thomas Saldivar
Gruene Botanicals
Kyle, TX

Definitely needs to be legalized. The old stigma and stereotypes are outdated. This is medicine and helps people from all medical backgrounds. I'm a Stage 3 Kidney Cancer Survivor. This helped me through all the pain and not having an appetite to eat. It made me feel more alive and better than the prescription drugs given to me post op for recovery. This is truly healing for everyone.

Joseph Delgado
Joseph Delgado
Harlingen, TX

I was in the Texas compassionate use program and there's nothing compassionate about it. Hemp has saved my life from living in pain from a major stroke. I couldn't afford the Tcup's medical marijuana. It's 100\$ for a bag of gummies that doesn't work at all. Please vote no on SB3 so I can keep my only pain medicine (thc-a hemp). This bill is really unfair and will destroy my life and make me a criminal for being in pain. I can't afford the states medical program. Please vote no on SB3!

Nicholas Maxwell
Self
Purdon, TX

I strongly support this bill as a forward-thinking step toward responsible THC regulation in our state. THC, when used responsibly by adults, is significantly safer than many legal substances—most notably alcohol. Unlike alcohol, THC has a lower risk of addiction, overdose, and long-term health consequences, yet alcohol is widely accepted and legally available. It's time our laws reflected the science and the realities of modern use.

Legalizing and regulating THC not only promotes public health and safety but also provides economic benefits through job creation, tax revenue, and local business development. It also allows law enforcement to focus resources on more serious issues, rather than criminalizing responsible adults for personal choices.

Our state needs to look at a more measured approach to a substance that has been unfairly stigmatized for too long. I urge lawmakers to support an effort to help create a safer, more just, and economically vibrant future for our state.

Larry Nemec
Self Retired Law Enforcement
Galveston, TX

Vote NO on SB-3. Vote YES on HB-28.
The following should be removed for the HB-28.

Sec. 443.2545. OFFENSE: MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR SALE OF EDIBLE CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS.
(a) A person commits an offense if the person manufactures, distributes, sells, or offers for sale a consumable hemp product that is intended for eating,

including foods, gummies, and candies.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 443.258. OFFENSE: GROWING OR SELLING HEMP FLOWER.

(a) A person commits an offense if the person grows hemp flower or sells or offers for sale hemp flower in a manner that is not approved by executive commissioner rule.

(b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

I am retired law enforcement with a Texas Master Peace Officer's rating. Most of my career was an investigator. An investigator's job is seek the truth. Being skeptical is an acquired asset I use it to this day.

I don't have a financial stake in these industries but I believe in transparency and the reason why legislation is being proposed.

I'm suspicious when proposed laws appear as overreach into personal liberty and criminalize personal behavior. Talking points "save the children" and "public safety" are a red flag. No sensible person is opposed to protecting children or reasonable regulations to assure products tested for public safety.

A reasonable person understands from history a total ban that effects personal behavior is destined to fail and create a worse black market to fill the void. Alcohol prohibition created violent gangsters like Al Capone. This will be no different and create an expansion of the drug cartels that Texans are desperately trying to curtail.

The alcohol industry are in support of a ban unless they can monetize it in the form of hemp beverages as stated in the current version of HB-28. Pharmaceutical companies haven't really chimed in but without federal rescheduling they don't have much of a play in the cannabis space. What they do have is their continued hold (on veterans for example) by continuing to supply an abundance of opioids.

A long list of alcohol and pharmaceutical PAC contributions as listed on the Texas Ethics Commission campaign finance reports contributed to members of the Texas House and Senate who are promoting this ban legislation. At the least there is the appearance these industries are exerting influence on legislation that could benefit their companies and at the same time puts thousands of Texans out of business and dramatically reduce tax revenue the State currently receives from the hemp industry.

We must take into account the testimonials of hundreds of veterans and Texas citizens who have testified to the benefits they have received from hemp products as an alternative to addictive opioids and other pharmaceuticals. Texans have the right to make their own adult personal decisions regarding their own health.

Larry Nemec
Captain
Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office (Retired)

Joshua Bright
Self
Saginaw, TX

I disagree with this bill. Do not vote.

Josh Perlin
Bonkers CBD & More
Plano, TX

I am writing to expose my extreme opposition towards SB3. This bill will do anything but make a safer Texas. The issue is the people who write these bills truly have no idea what this plant is and what it does/can do. My father-in-law and I opened Bonkers CBD & More in December 2023 and have helped countless people alleviate stress of everyday life, promote better sleep which many people have not had in years, and wean off the life-threatening prescription drugs that our Texas health professionals have no problem prescribing and are quick to do so. The only thing that remotely makes sense about SB3 and we do agree with is there needing to be a 21 year old age limit to purchase products. However, this is a practice we (Bonkers CBD & More) have stuck to since opening in December 2023. Should we bring up the infinite amounts of studies done on the dangers of alcohol? Yet, not one bill has been brought up to ban that. This bill just shows how completely out of touch most of our "representatives" are with their constituents.

Keely Pence
self
El Paso, TX

this bill should not pass whatsoever. people use these options (hemp and cannabis) for a multitude of positive reasons without any negative side effects/repercussions— unlike the DUI issue we have especially in this area when drinking and driving.

Ashton Bailey
Self- Market Development Manager Wyld CBD
Houston, TX

As a college graduate that has now found a career and passion for the cannabis/hemp industry, this bill is overall uneducated. To ignore the endocannabinoid system in our human bodies is to neglect a crucial part of our health. As an entirety the bill pushed the community that is using products for health and wellness purposes back to the black market. The danger of the black market and the crime rates don't need to be touched on because that is a no brainer. Does there need to be regulation? Absolutely. Does there need to be a regulatory system in place to ensure the mg use does not exceed what is legal in recreational states? Absolutely.

A lack of education could lead to a \$9 billion market being eliminated from the Texas market when there is plenty of pie to share. I am pro regulation, pro education and pro breaking the stigma. Moving on from the racial path that brought us here, and moving forward to understanding when the plant can aid in health situations, as well as the roll it plays in the recreational space. Let's face it, alcohol has caused more deaths than cannabis or hemp has. Actually, cannabis and hemp naturally derived and grown has NEVER caused an overdose or death.

It's time to educate not only the representatives that will make an impactful decision but also the public.

Brandy Neasbitt
self, warehouse manager for Bang Bang Vape and Smoke Shop
Amarillo, TX

Good morning. By outlawing hemp-derived products in Texas, lawmakers risk pushing people towards unsafe, unregulated street alternatives - which in today's world equals fentanyl laced drugs that are taking out the young and the old. Many individuals rely on hemp-derived products for pain management, anxiety and overall well-being - especially those who struggle to access traditional healthcare due to cost, availability, or restrictive prescribing practices. Me personally, I have had very good insurance, company paid, and there isn't a practice in Amarillo that is taking new patients. I have been looking for primary care for 2 years, it's inaccessible to me, and many, many others. I am in excruciating pain 100% of the time, and hemp-derived products are the only thing that has kept me able to come to work everyday. It has enhanced my quality of life. Removing legal access won't erase demand; it will only drive desperate Texans towards riskier options, increasing the potential for harm and even death. Instead of criminalizing relief, Texas should prioritize compassion and common-sense regulation to ensure safe, legal access for those fellow Texans in need. Please quit pushing us back and let this great state move forward. Every other state around us has legalized hemp in some form or fashion. Please quit denying Texans healthier alternatives to inaccessible prescription drugs. Thank you for your time today.

Shay Garsee, Miss
Self / TexaKana Organics Account Manager
Houston, TX

After reading SB3, I am genuinely astounded. As a college graduate who has extensively studied cannabis—its science, history, and medicinal benefits—I’ve witnessed firsthand its ability to heal both physically and emotionally. Yet, this bill reflects a profound lack of understanding about the plant and the industry as a whole. It is unacceptable that those in positions of power continue to make decisions based on outdated stigmas rather than education and experience.

I urge lawmakers to take the time to truly learn about cannabis—its therapeutic potential, economic benefits, and the successful models of regulation in other states. Instead of perpetuating misinformation and restrictive policies, we should be fostering a responsible, well-regulated industry that benefits patients, consumers, and communities.

It’s time to leave outdated prejudices behind and move forward with informed, progressive policies. Thank you.

Edward Dueñas, Store manager
Smoke Atx
San Marcos, TX

To the Members of the Texas House,

My name is Edward , and I am writing to strongly oppose Senate Bill 3 (SB3). I work for two Texas-based businesses — SmokeATX and Marvelous Smoke — which operate legally in the hemp and alternative wellness industry. I’m proud to be part of a company that follows every rule, serves our local community, and provides stable jobs in an industry that has brought opportunity and growth to this state.

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Respectfully,
Edward D
Employee, SmokeATX & Marvelous Smoke

Maegan Sonnier
Self - admin
Hamshire, TX

SB 3 mirrors HB 28 in its attempt to further regulate consumable hemp products and hemp-derived cannabinoids through registration requirements, fees, and penalties. These measures will not only harm small businesses but also restrict consumer choice and medical freedom. Hemp has provided relief to people struggling with chronic pain, PTSD, epilepsy, and other conditions—without the addictive risks of pharmaceuticals. Overregulation of hemp could push individuals toward riskier options while stifling innovation and economic growth in a rapidly expanding industry. Instead of imposing unnecessary restrictions, lawmakers should focus on responsible regulation that ensures safety without limiting access to a natural, beneficial product.

zachary pensiero

Smoke atx

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SMKATX INC dba SmokeATX & Marvelous Smoke - General Manager

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General Manager, SMKATX INC dba SmokeATX & Marvelous Smoke

Yazan Burbar, Mr.

Smoke ATX

Austin, TX

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Respectfully,

Yazan Burbar

Employee, SmokeATX & Marvelous Smoke

Rolando Cantu, Mr.

The Hemp Collect

Flower Mound, TX

Uninformed decisions is not Texas. We are trend setters and innovators. It's time we show the country that Texas can and will be ahead of all things innovative including medicine, law, and freedom. Legalize THC!

Lindsay Hearne, Ms

Self SAHM

Dripping Springs, TX

Just stop doing the bidding of SPECS and their lobbyists. I moved to the free state of Texas for a reason and I don't need legislatures deciding what's best for me. I'm an adult and can think for myself. Tell me the last time some took a gummy, got in a semi and mowed people down on I35, it's never happened. Leave the hemp business here alone.

Steve Mackenrodt

self

Saginaw, TX

Vote no on this.

Deborah Little
Self
Brownwood, TX

I am a regular user of the products as well as the fact that I've worked in a store that sells the currently legal products. These products have made an enormous difference in my life as well as the lives of others. And all without side effects or concerns for what a pharmaceutical product would be doing to my health. I cannot understand how the hemp and cbd products could be considered dangerous when pharmaceutical products literally have the potential to kill a person or create a dangerous situation of addiction for an individual. Do the right thing and allow the industry to continue.

Sean Weatherly
Self- teacher
Conroe, TX

The introduction of THC in the Texas market has made my life abundantly more easier & I have become more successful in my work & school since having THC legally available.

Mark Schnur
Fast Over 40
San Antonio, TX

I oppose this legislation! Regulate, don't ban!

Telisa Molina
Self
Georgetown, TX

I ask that you do the right thing by the PEOPLE OF TEXAS and not whatever dummy told you this was a good idea. If you ask everyday people this issue is not what we're worried about. Take away an our access and I will make sure you lose yours to the government. You WORK FOR US. Get right by the people or GET OUT

Amanda Fugitt
Self
Royse city, TX

STOP DEMONIZING PLANTS

Mitchell Laman, Owner
Fyr Flower Hemp Retail
Whitesboro, TX

My name is Mitch Laman, and I'm the owner of a dispensary in historic downtown Denison. I'm emailing to speak on behalf of the hundreds of Parkinson's and cancer patients, thousands of Texas veterans, and countless others who rely on hemp-derived THC products—like THCA, CBD, and CBG—for relief, hope, and a better quality of life.

My small business isn't just a store; it's a lifeline. We serve over 200 patients battling debilitating conditions, providing them with safe, legal alternatives that ease tremors, reduce pain, and offer comfort where traditional options fall short. Thousands of veterans—our state's heroes—turn to us for help managing PTSD, chronic pain, and more. These aren't recreational users; they're Texans in need, and we're proud to support them.

Beyond that, our dispensary drives jobs and revenue. We employ local people, pay sales taxes, and draw customers to Denison's historic downtown, boosting nearby businesses. A ban on all THC products wouldn't just shutter my doors—it would ripple through our community, cutting off patients' access and choking economic growth across Texas.

I understand the concerns about misuse, but a total ban ignores the science and the stories. Hemp-derived THC products are regulated, tested, and distinct from illicit drugs. They're a lifeline, not a loophole. I urge you to consider targeted regulations—protect public safety without punishing the sick, the brave, and the small businesses serving them. Please come to my store meet our customers and employees and we can show you how the program is working in our community. Let's keep Texas strong, compassionate, and prosperous. Thank you.

Harold Campbell, Mr and Mrs
Ourselves
Palestine, TX

We SUPPORT

Michael Wagner, Mr
Self
Allen, TX

Extra taxes on anything is a punishment on the people. If you want to outlaw it do so. But extra taxes and regulation supports big business. That's the problem with our country right now. Knock it off.

Ann Padilla
Self - Operations Manager
Houston, TX

I oppose

Chris DuPree
Self
Bruceville, TX

Someone needs to ask Lieutenant governor Dan Patrick, which cartel he is representing by introducing this bill. Vote NO if you love Texas and Texans rights to free enterprise and capitalism.

Kaylee Heath

Self

Amarillo, TX

I am opposed to this bill. It is going to hurt thousands of small businesses, peoples jobs including my own. As well as all the people who rely on hemp products for pain because they cannot afford americas healthcare cost, as well as being prescribed many opioids that don't work or make you feel 1000x worse than hemp could ever. I have veterans , lots of customers with chronic pain that rely on these products. This will hurt a large majority of us as well as close hundreds of small businesses taking tax money from the people.

Jessika Gaehring

Self

Cibolo, TX

I strongly oppose SB 3, which proposes a total ban on THC products in Texas. While the concern about synthetic cannabis and unregulated vapes is valid, this bill overreaches and risks causing far more harm than good.

A total ban will not eliminate demand—it will only push it underground. The black market will thrive, criminal activity will increase, and unregulated, potentially dangerous products will flood our communities. Prohibition has never stopped usage; it just removes oversight and opens the door to chaos.

If lawmakers are truly concerned about product safety, then address the real issue: synthetics and poor regulation. Random testing of vape products, strict quality standards, and better enforcement can address those concerns without punishing responsible consumers or legitimate businesses.

This bill would also have devastating economic consequences. The Texas hemp and THC industry currently supports over 50,000 jobs and contributes billions to our economy. In a state already struggling with an uncertain economy and a weak job market, SB 3 could wipe out a massive employment sector almost overnight, impacting small businesses, veterans, rural communities, and workers who depend on this industry to survive.

Let's also not forget the medical impact. Many Texans , including cancer patients, veterans, and people with chronic conditions, rely on THC products for pain management, anxiety, PTSD, and more. Yes, Texas has a medical marijuana program, but it's deeply flawed. In a state with millions of residents, only a few thousand are enrolled. That speaks volumes. The system is failing patients, and this bill would only worsen that failure by cutting off access to alternative options that work.

If the goal is safety, then take responsible steps:

- Ban sales in gas stations and convenience stores
- Keep all THC sales to 21+ adults
- Restrict sales to licensed dispensaries or smoke shops
- Require random testing of products, especially vapes

But do not enact a blanket ban that punishes patients, kills jobs, fuels crime, and ignores reality. Texans deserve better than fear-based policy. We deserve balanced, informed solutions that protect consumers, support legitimate businesses, and give patients access to the relief they need.

Joe Pierce

Self

Nevada, TX

Do not pass this bill I need this in my life

Tiffany Carvalho
USCG, retired
Friendswood, TX

Please consider the veterans that have spent many years trying to come off of harsh pharmaceuticals and began the use of the entire cannabis plant. The entire plant together, shown in much research, has a synergistic effect that CBN or CBD can not do alone. The entire plant is medicine. Do not ban or criminalize a plant that was given to us by our Heavenly Father. Remember the veterans and many others that use this plant as medicine. Place an age limit, but do not criminalize or ban the entire plant. Or any of it. It's like banning tomatoes because they have naturally occurring nicotine.

Jimmy Bennett
self yoga instructor
Austin, TX

There is no merit to this bill. We all know who's funding this Bill and we all know hemp is far less dangerous than alcohol. It's time to change the framework of this state to allow people access to medicine that serves the community. Pushing these products back into the black market will only do harm. Not to mention the 50,000 jobs that will be lost along side the millions of dollars this industry is providing in taxes.

Fredy Lopez Martinez
Self
Waco, TX

I oppose those proposal

Jessica Rojas, Ms.
self
live oak, TX

Cannabis has proven to be an invaluable resource for our community, offering significant benefits in several key areas. Medically, it has provided relief to individuals suffering from chronic pain, anxiety, epilepsy, and a variety of other conditions, enhancing the quality of life for countless patients. Financially, the legal cannabis industry has contributed to local economies through job creation, tax revenue, and business development, supporting both individuals and communities alike. Furthermore, cannabis offers safe and responsible recreational alternatives, providing individuals with an option for relaxation and enjoyment without resorting to more harmful substances. When used under proper guidance and regulation, cannabis is a safe plant that can significantly benefit society. We urge lawmakers to consider these benefits and not pass laws that would hinder the progress cannabis has made in helping our community thrive.

Annette Dever
Self
San Marcos, TX

PLEASE STOP from passing this Bill SB 3 to ban CBD/Hemp products that have helped us with EpilepticSeizures, panic attacks & stress in general also this has helped my 3 dogs with thunderstorms & fireworks! Please ban the Synthetic type products that is causing the bad side effects! The authentic plant does not ever cause bad experiences. I was at your Senate hearing day & saw that 2% of the 165 speakers had bad experiences but the other 98% had important health improvements, you had left to go to other meetings & missed heart touching stories from Veteran's who got their life back & was able to go back to work!!! Parents who had amazing help with their children's seizures & other health conditions!
PLEASE LISTEN TO THE 98% who were helped and Ban the Synthetic products!!!! THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!!!

Christopher Reynolds Jr.
Self
Round Rock, TX
Yes please

Tiffany Dodson

Self

Irving, TX

Randal Martin, Mr

Self

Diana, TX

I oppose this bill like many other Texans. This is not a poison in our community. The therapy I receive is immeasurable and needed. This not only what government does for and to its people. Please consider all the sick people that will be affected by this.

Ray Gonzales

Self - Project Manager

Austin, TX

I oppose this bill and rely on these products. I will not reelect supporters of SB3.

Janet Allen

self

San Antonio, TX

My name is Janet Allen. I am a wife, a mother of four, a business owner, and a proud advocate for plant medicine. I am writing this testimony in firm opposition to SB3.

As someone living with ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder), hemp has been a life-changing tool in managing my daily life. ADHD is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects focus, impulse control, and executive functioning. For people like me, these conditions don't just affect how we think—they affect how we function in relationships, at work, and as caregivers. I choose hemp because it works for me where conventional treatments have failed or brought on unwanted side effects. Hemp-derived cannabinoids support my ability to regulate my emotions, stay focused, and maintain mental clarity throughout the day. It helps calm my nervous system without numbing who I am. It gives me stamina when burnout creeps in. It relieves inflammation from chronic back pain so I can show up fully for my kids and my business. It improves my quality of life—and that is not something any bill should have the power to take away.

Hemp is more than a product to me. It's part of my wellness routine, my self-care, and how I stay present for my family. Because of hemp, I am a better mother. I am a more patient wife. I am a more focused and driven businesswoman. I am not alone in this—there are thousands of us. We are mothers, caregivers, teachers, veterans, nurses, and entrepreneurs. We are everyday people who have chosen a natural path toward healing. We are the CannaMoms, and we are rising up in defense of our right to choose.

SB3 threatens not only the hemp industry but also the personal freedom and autonomy of people like me who rely on these plant-based products for health and wellness. These bills stand to criminalize access, restrict small businesses, and push families back into the shadows—at a time when we should be moving forward in compassion, education, and access.

I believe in the power of plants. I believe that healing begins with choice. And I believe that plant medicine—especially hemp—should be a protected option, not a political battleground.

I am respectfully asking lawmakers to consider the real faces and families impacted by this legislation. We are not corporations. We are not criminals. We are your constituents. We are parents doing what's best for our families.

My name is Janet Allen, and I proudly stand in opposition to SB3.

Sincerely,

Janet Allen

Wife. Mother. Business Owner. Advocate.

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Erika Cluck

Self

Mesquite, TX

Strongly oppose!

Roy Mccown, Mr

Self

Eastland, TX

A lot of people depend on the hemp industry.