

The Honorable Senator Tina Smith
60 Plato Blvd E Ste 220
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Date:

Re: Federal Cannabis Policy v. State Policy

Dear Senator Tina Smith,

As one of your constituents, this letter is to thank you for your work in legalizing Cannabis for our state and to make some requests for bringing the Minnesotan approach to the national stage. Please use your powers to help the federal market for Hemp and Cannabis align with our state's regulations. Please make considerations in the following areas while the ongoing work of understanding and regulating unfolds:

1. Nationally define Hemp and Cannabis to allow both markets to thrive with clarity, leaving no room for confusion concerning the presence of cannabinoids and their effects in the labeling of these products. It follows that a consumer should think "nonintoxicating" when considering Hemp products, and the intoxicating cannabinoids should be made federally legal to allow for this clarity for the consumer and to promote transparency for manufacturers.
2. Completely deschedule Cannabis and regulate its packaging and distribution in the same manner as alcohol and tobacco. Doing so will correct complications in banking with both hemp and cannabis products and support the overall flow of business. Descheduling should include ending the collection of consumer data in seed-to-sale tracking as well as end the limitations on possession. Cannabis should not be a scheduled narcotic, and cannabis consumers should not be treated differently from alcohol and tobacco consumers.
3. Release all non-violent cannabis offenders from prison and expunge their records. There are many serving de facto life sentences for performing tasks that everyday businesses in the majority of states perform today. Minnesota is a bright spot in this work, including automatic expungement in the state's legalization work. If this were to occur nationally, it would be a beautiful day for freedom.
4. Limit the rates of excise tax as it is consumers who are most affected by this. Some states reach numbers as high as 37%.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

Signed Name:

Printed Name:

Address, phone number or email: