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House Fed / State Affairs HB2706 - Proponent

Good day committee members,

My name is Daren York, owner and operator of Green Acres Farm. We are a Kansas hemp farm that sells our own product line of hemp products to other Kansas businesses. I run this business with my wife, Jennifer, and my son, Darrick. We are based in Scott City, KS and have been conducting business since the industrial hemp program was started in 2019. We are writing this letter to show our support for HB2706.

We began selling our products in March 2020, 3 days before the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The struggle to connect to our customers almost closed the doors on our business, but by expanding our product line to include the hemp-derivatives made legal in the farm bill, we managed to find our customer-base was more than willing to buy a Kansas product they could trust. Our customers are ecstatic from the benefits they find using our CBD products, and our delta-8 customers thank us for helping quell their anxiety during the stressful couple of years we've all experienced. They are thankful to support a Kansas business and keep tax dollars within our state instead of taking them to neighboring states to purchase an equivalent product.

Thank you for the opportunity to show our support for HB2706. We hope you will pass this out of committee favorably and allow Kansas businesses to grow a thriving economy for Kansans to prosper.

Daren D. York
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Green Acres Farm, LLC.