## HB 2182:

AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to agribusiness development of an industrial hemp industry; enacting the Kansas agricultural industry growth act; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5702 and repealing the existing section.

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## Disclaimer

- The fairness and equity of Kansas industry development should be priority for this body.
- This testimony regarding the opportunity of a new birth in the Kansas cannabis industry is not meant to take away from current oil and gas production, agriculture practices and crops, pharmaceutical trade or the necessity of proper public safety strategies, however, the time has come to return to Kansans the freedom and competitiveness to invest time and money, without government interference, in a plant that has wrongly and unconstitutionally been prohibited.
- Thank you for letting me speak today specifically on HB 2182

# Commerce, Labor and Economic Development from Kansas Hemp Industry

- Commerce
  - New revenue stream; exports and domestic Kansas producers and consumers
- Labor
  - Farm, Processing, Manufacturing, Retail
    - Healthcare, Teachers etc
- Economic Development
  - Farming options ,Processing Plant, Manufacturing Plants, Retail needs
    - Healthcare, Schools, Grocery Stories etc

- Bill Specifics
  - I would like see an amendment to this bill that would describe the reasonable fees, forms and qualifications for licensure, however, I want to honor the bill's carrier and not interfere with a process that they feel is politically needed, regardless of my heartfelt opinions on Cannabis and the taxation and regulation, thereof.

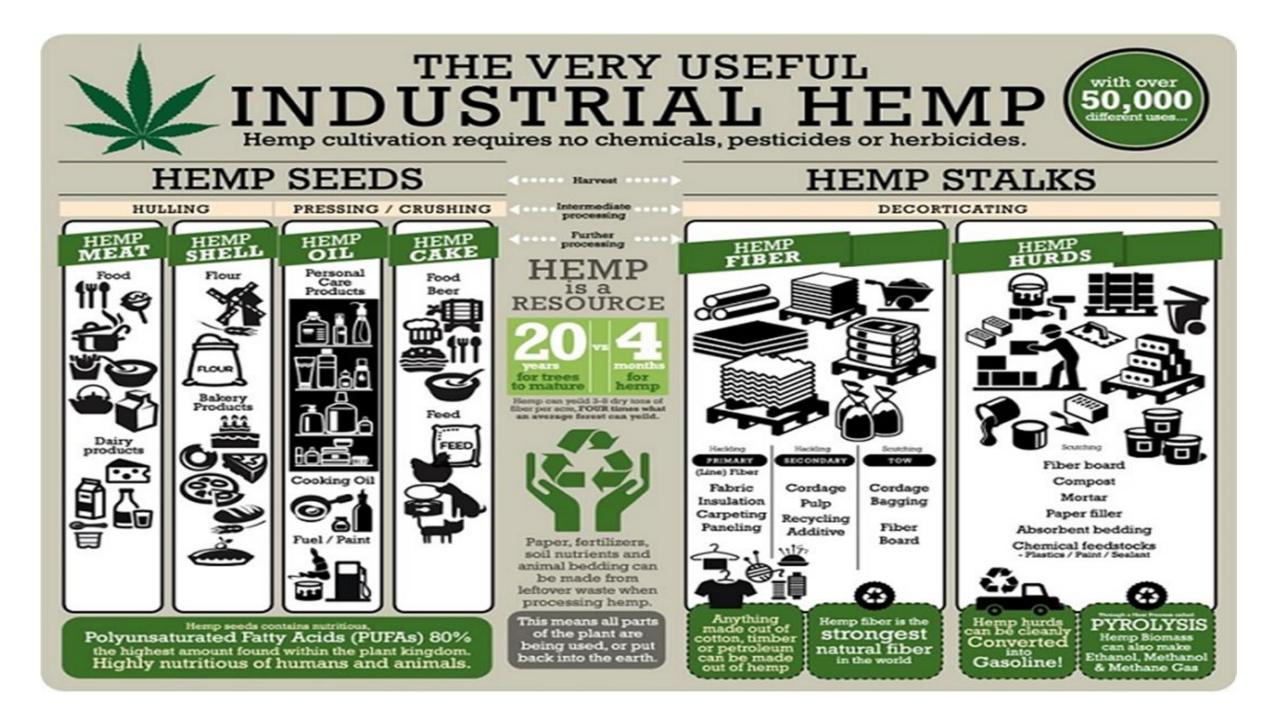
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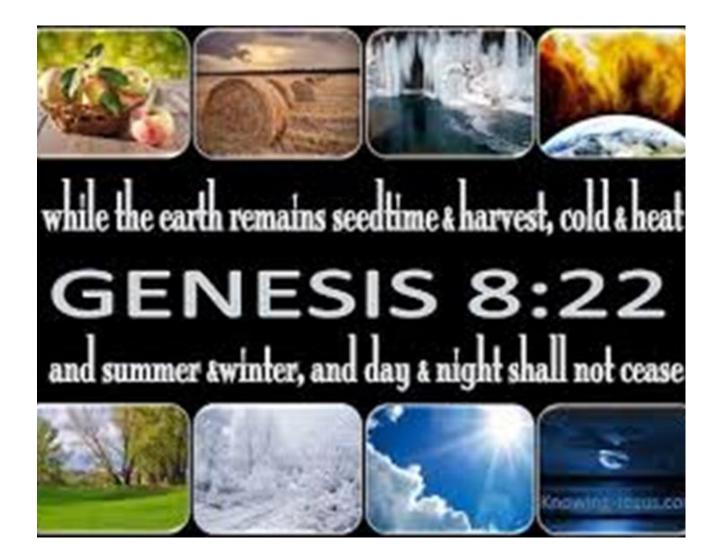






### In Conclusion

I live in a town of 1200 people and my wife and I run the local café. We use real butter, make much of the food from scratch and don't expect to ever have a Ferrari. We serve farmers and workers, families and friends. The truth is, in about 15 years we will need an influx of commerce, labor and economic development to replace those that we will lose. One of my dreams is to build a hemp plant in this little town that recently annexed some land perfect for this operation that could bring new families and workers to town, new housing and more options for our local struggling farmers.





#### Regarding the FN: To avoid these issues, a balloon amendment could be offered that would add a New Section to include the contents of SB178:

Legalizing limited use of (cannabis) and authorizing the department of revenue to adopt rules and regulations related thereto

Thank You Questions?

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