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Congress and NPA Work Together to File Amendment to Ensure CBD is Regulated by the U.S. FDA – Providing Consumers Access and Safety

WASHINGTON, DC – As long-time advocates for commonsense practices relating to cannabidiol (CBD) usage, the Natural Products Association (NPA) is seeking help from Congress to encourage the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to establish a safe use level for dietary supplement and conventional food CBD products. As a result of NPA’s work with Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-09), last week he filed an amendment to modify the House Agriculture appropriations bill to include critical funds that would enable FDA to undertake the appropriate processes and set a safe level of CBD for consumers to use each day.

“With over 1,500 CBD products in the marketplace, consumers have a right to know whether the products they are consuming are safe. This fundamental language would provide companies making and selling CBD products the regulatory clarity they need and consumers the assurance that they deserve that products meet federal safety standards,” said Dr. Daniel Fabricant, President and CEO of the NPA.

“Since the passage of the 2018 Farm Act – which eliminated hemp from the definition of marijuana under the Controlled Substances Act – we’ve seen a significant increase in the production and sales of CBD products,” said Congressman McNerney. “With more and more CBD appearing on supermarket shelves across the country, it’s time for American consumers to have accurate information on CBD and for producers to be properly regulated to make the marketplace safe and reliable.”

NPA will continue to work with members of both the House and the Senate to ensure that the American consumer can once again have confidence in the products that are on the shelves stores throughout the country.

- On May 31, 2019, NPA testified at the FDA’s first public hearing on CBD.
- On March 14, 2019, NPA submitted [official comments](#) to FDA concerning approaches to CBD regulation that will also help facilitate the discussion.
- On October 24, 2018, NPA sent a [letter](#) to FDA asking for regulatory leadership on CBD products.

Please contact your Senators and Representative immediately and ask that they voice support for inclusion of this Amendment in the Appropriations Bills that Fund the Government. Go to www.npanational.org/advocacy and tell your members of congress them you want FDA exercising enforcement discretion to ensure that Americans have access to safe CBD products

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