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House Resolution 1350

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A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging the President of the United States and Congress to enact legislation requiring the
- 2 Food and Drug Administration to establish GMP standards regulating industrial hemp
- 3 products with tetrahydrocannabinol content below 0.3 percent, including establishing a safe
- 4 daily level of cannabidiol consumption by consumers; and for other purposes.
- 5 WHEREAS, cannabidiol (CBD) is a chemical that is prevalent in marijuana and hemp; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, also known as the Farm Bill,
- 7 removed hemp-meaning cannabis or derivatives of cannabis with a very low
- 8 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content below 0.3 percent by dry weight-from the federal
- 9 Controlled Substances Act (CSA) definition of marijuana; and
- 10 WHEREAS, CBD does not induce euphoria or cause the pleasure effects of THC found in
- the marijuana plant; the 2018 World Health Organization (WHO) report on CBD concluded
- 12 that "there are no case reports of abuse or dependence relating to the use of pure CBD" and
- 13 that "there is no evidence of recreational use of CBD or any public health-related problems
- 14 associated with the use of pure CBD"; and
- 15 WHEREAS, the 2018 WHO report also cites a human study (Martin-Santos, et.al., Current
- 16 Pharmaceutical Design, Volume 18, 2012) that "administered 600 mg of CBD to healthy
- 17 participants" and "detected no THC and trace concentrations of THC metabolites"; and
- 18 WHEREAS, within the past three years, more than 1,500 CBD products have come to the
- 19 market without a clear approach for regulation or any plan from the Food and Drug
- 20 Administration (FDA) to balance consumer access and the protection of consumer health;
- 21 and
- 22 WHEREAS, a substantial market for CBD products formulated in drinks, cosmetics, foods,
- 23 and other consumer products has developed, even where cannabis products are not

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24 recreationally or medically legal and are currently sold in major retail chains in the United

- 25 States; and
- 26 WHEREAS, the FDA states that products such as food additives and dietary supplements
- 27 that contain CBD are illegal under federal law and refuses to issue any regulations or
- 28 guidance for the manufacturing of CBD products to ensure quality and safety, including
- 29 setting a safe daily level of CBD consumption; and
- 30 WHEREAS, the conflict between the FDA policy and the Agriculture Improvement Act of
- 31 2018 provisions has created a patchwork regulation of CBD by the states that places
- 32 consumers at significant health risks due to unregulated manufacturing of CBD products and
- 33 creates a complicated legal framework for CBD companies; and
- 34 WHEREAS, as a result of this unregulated CBD marketplace, interstate commerce for
- 35 national CBD companies is significantly impaired because banks, insurance companies, and
- 36 merchant service companies cite potential reputational risks in providing services to CBD
- 37 companies because the FDA threatens regulatory actions against these companies; and
- 38 WHEREAS, by enacting legislation that requires the FDA to publish manufacturing
- 39 guidelines for CBD products and requires the establishment of a safe daily level of CBD
- 40 consumption, the President and Congress of the United States would allow consumers to
- 41 experience the benefits of CBD while ensuring consumer safety and generate significant
- 42 economic activity from allowing interstate commerce for CBD companies.
- 43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 44 the members of this body urge the President and the Congress of the United States to act
- 45 quickly to protect American consumers by requiring the Food and Drug Administration to
- 46 issue manufacturing guidelines for CBD products and establish a safe daily level of CBD
- 47 consumption.
- 48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 49 and directed to make an appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
- 50 President and Vice President of the United States, the majority and minority leaders of the
- 51 United States Senate, the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, and
- each member of the United States Congress elected from this state.