

To Whom it may concern,

I fully support Senator Hughes's legislation to facilitate the growing of industrial hemp in Alaska - SB 6.

It is unfortunate that hemp and marijuana fall in the same species because there are no negative impacts that I know of associated with hemp. I have seen it grown in other countries and believe it would grow here. It should be treated entirely separately from marijuana because it is not mind altering or addictive. Aside from some medicinal value its primary values are for the strength of the fiber.

Please open this opportunity to those farmers in our State that are looking for a new niche.

Thank you
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