

Doniece Gott

From: Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent: Saturday, April 09, 2016 12:41 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: SB 8

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From: Chris & Ember Haynes [mailto:haynes@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2016 10:01 PM
To: Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB 8

Dear Senator MacKinnon,
I am writing to you once again in hopes of passing SB 8.
This bill is simply allowing Alaskans another opportunity.

Please read my further thoughts:

Dear Alaskan Senators;

We are writing in favor of legalizing Hemp in Alaska and passing SB 8.

We believe every Alaskan should have the chance and the choice to fail, succeed or pave the Hemp highway for the future.

The legalization of all Cannabis and taking the steps for Alaskans to grow Hemp crops is an important issue near and dear to our hearts.

Hemp has so very many important uses, from fuel to fiber to internal wellness. We use Hemp seed oil everyday, and incorporate Hemp seeds into not only our family's daily diets but include Hemp seed/oil in the care of our animals.

It is disappointing that we have to import the Hemp seed and oil we use.

The chance to grow and harvest a small plot of Hemp for seeds and stock & foliage to fill the needs of my family and livestock would be amazing.

We try and grow our own garden vegetables and herbs, which could easily include growing the Hemp we consume and utilize.

Hemp is an agricultural crop, and would require very minimal regulations. When looking to other states that have regulated Hemp; Montana and Indiana have both adapted simple legislation that allows state citizens to obtain a license and grow Hemp without arduous requirements and government process. We certainly hope that our Alaska legislators will allow any Alaskan citizen to obtain a license/permit to grow Hemp that is under >.3% THC.

We believe it is important to allow any citizen to grow and harvest the amount of this agricultural commodity they find is fitting for their own needs and land. Please do not over-regulate this beneficial plant that can be

harvested by hand or machine.

Please allow the average Alaskan citizen to research and determine the correct

type of Hemp seed that best suits their own needs and microclimates, staying within the parameters of crops producing under >.3% THC.

Common varieties of Hemp could easily be grown in hoop-houses to allow for light deprivation on a commercial or private scale.

Auto-flowering varieties of Hemp such as "Victory" are able to be grown and harvested as field crops.

We are asking you as Alaskan business owners and parents with a vested interest in Alaska's future, to please pass SB8 .

This is an amazing opportunity and could do so much for our great State and set an example for other states to follow suit !

Sincerely,

Christian & Ember Haynes

Denali Hemp Company

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From: Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:26 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: Hemp SB8

From: Michele Morgan [mailto:juneaustopheroi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:21 AM
To: Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Johnny Ellis <Sen.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov>; Sarah Evans <Sarah.Evans@akleg.gov>; Ann Nielsen <annnielsen92@gmail.com>; James Brooks <james.k.brooks@juneauempire.com>; Emily Miller <emily.miller@juneauempire.com>; Elizabeth Jenkins <elizabethj@ktoo.org>; Taelyn Coffee <tcoffee@andvsa.org>
Subject: Hemp SB8

Good Afternoon Senator MacKinnon,

I am writing you to please support SB8. Hemp is a great product with many uses. With Alaska's oil prices plummeting it would be great to have a new source of revenue. Also hemp products such as rope and textiles will "break down" in the environment. I walk my dog on the beach every day and see plastic everywhere.

Thank you for all you do for our great state and our communities. Please pass SB 8. Please help bring this valuable fiber and feed product to Alaska for Alaskan farmers, fisherman and communities. Products made from Alaskan hemp would be a great industry for our state.

Michele Morgan

Here are some notes I comprised on hemp.

Hemp will not get you high, but it may give you a headache. Hemp contains just .3 percent of THC, the chemical that can cause feelings of euphoria. Hemp is long straight stalks. Marijuana is short and bushy. It is very easy to tell the difference.

Hemp is currently grown in **Colorado, Washington, California, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, Vermont and West Virginia.**

If you know the history- You like hemp-

In the 1600s, property owners in North America had to grow hemp. By way of a royal decree, King James I required every property owner in Jamestown to grow 100 plants of hemp for export in 1619. The hemp was used to make ropes and canvas for British ships. Similar hemp decrees were later issued in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Hemp for Victory was the name of a U.S. Department of Agriculture-run program to encourage farmers to grow hemp during World War II. When faced with a shortage of Manila hemp that was imported and used in ship's rigging.

Today hemp is used to make paper clothing, biodegradable plastics, construction body products, health food and bio-fuel.

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From: Karisse Ackerman
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:55 AM
To: House Finance; Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: SB 128 and HB 245

Please include Cathleen Daunais' comments to the committee record. Thank you, Karisse

From: Cathy Daunais [mailto:cathyd2012@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 10:34 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks <Lio.Fairbanks@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB 128 and HB 245

TO: House and Senate Finance Committees

I am a resident of Fairbanks and have lived in Alaska 36 years receiving PFD's and not paying State income tax. I appreciate all of that but the party is over. Governor Walker had it right to make cuts, restructure PFD and institute a state income tax, and adjust oil tax credits. That all makes good sense. The Republican majority makes no sense. Your proposals go after the most vulnerable amongst us and leave the wealthiest oil corporations & citizens off the hook totally, especially when they contributed so much to the crisis we're presently in!! Your lack of economic knowledge is overwhelming. You have started a recession with your cuts and now going after PFD payouts without an income tax and adjusting oil tax credit is extremely irresponsible. Cathleen Daunais

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From: Tim Lescher <timlescher@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 1:18 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: HB 137

Dear Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing you because I do not want the IM surcharge on Alaska hunting and fishing licenses. I am a hunter, and I fish, and intensive management is not only not cost effective, but it is a dated, irresponsible method of managing predators, that most states did away with decades ago. Managing predators in this manor completely desecrates the biological integrity of wildlife systems, because predators are a necessary and intrinsic part of healthy natural ecosystems. This is my opinion as an Alaskan hunter, but it is also my opinion as a biologist; I hold a BS in Biology and a MS in behavioral Ecology. If you would like to hear the opinion of an expert who ran predator control programs in the Yukon for 18 years, please read Wolves of the Yukon, but Bob Hayes. Please do not allow this irresponsible piece of legislation to pass, especially at this time when the state is on a strict budget. It is economically and ecologically not effective, and wasteful.

Thank you for hearing my comments.

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Lescher

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From: Sen. Anna MacKinnon
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: FW: SB 8

From: Chris & Ember Haynes [mailto:haynes@mtaonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 1:50 PM
To: Sen. Anna MacKinnon <Sen.Anna.MacKinnon@akleg.gov>
Subject: SB 8

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I am once again writing to ask you to please do what it takes to pass SB 8.
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We use Hemp Seed Oil as the main ingredient in our products for the body and skin.
We create salves, balms, oils, bath soaks, teas and soaps that are moisturizing, soothing and healing.
Currently the Hemp Seed Oil we use is imported from Canada.
We would love nothing more than the opportunity to grown our own Hemp to be used in the products we create.
We also have pigs, sheep and chickens who would benefit from the Hemp stocks, leaves and seeds.
SB 8 could open the door to a grassroots Hemp Industry here in Alaska.
The term "Industrial" Hemp seems to bring to mind large factories and big Industry.
It does not have to be so!
Hemp is indeed an Agricultural crop...but that doesn't mean it HAS to be grown in huge quantities and immediately support a large-scale industry full of ready-to-go factories and billion dollar contracts.
We believe the "Industrial Hemp" movement is and will be propelled by smaller Grassroots producers.
Producers and production facilities do not have to be "large" to be successful...they just need to be able to produce!
It is frustrating to hear those in the "Cannabis" community and Alaskan Legislature mock the growing of Hemp as an agricultural crop, basically saying because there isn't an active industry with a production facility up and running that there is no need to decriminalize Hemp.
Backwards thinking it seems.
Decriminalize Industrial Hemp (Agricultural Hemp) and see how the industry will grow!
We have to start somewhere!!

Thank you,
Ember & Chris Haynes
Denali Hemp Company
Willow/Talkeetna Alaska

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Denali Hemp Company
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From: Bill Fikes <bill@webmusher.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 4:11 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mike Dunleavy; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Donny Olson
Subject: SB 8 - Please Pass this Bill!

I am in favor of passing SB 8, "An Act relating to the regulation and production of industrial hemp."

Please do not miss this great opportunity to not only revitalize Alaskan Farming but to create thousands of ancillary jobs in many fields where Hemp could be used.

If you are not familiar with the myriad uses for commercial Hemp I would be glad to aid in your education.

Thank You,

Bill Fikes Jr
Meadow Lakes, AK



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