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Committee on Oversight and Accountability
United States House of Representatives
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Ranking Member,
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Dear Members of House Committee on Oversight and Accountability:

I am writing to submit a research paper titled "Toward Normalized Cannabinoid Regulation, Regulation of Hemp-Synthesized Intoxicants," in support of the upcoming hearing held by the Healthcare and Financial Services Subcommittee, scheduled for July 27, 2023, at 2:00 pm. This paper was recently published by the American Trade Association for Cannabis and Hemp (ATACH).

We offer this paper for your consideration as part of this hearing as an expression of the concern ATACH members have with the current adulteration of the industrial hemp market by the explosive proliferation of intoxicating products being sold "legally" under the guise of "hemp".

Since passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, we have seen the sudden rise of unregulated, hemp-synthesized intoxicants which go by names such as delta-8 THC, delta-10 THC, HHC, and many others. Our organization strongly believes that these products could present significant health and safety concerns for consumers when they are left outside a regulatory system, and for the purpose of this hearing – why existing regulatory pathways are insufficient for the regulation of these products.

Our paper includes an analysis of these products and recommendations for both state and federal regulators as we respond to their sudden popularity. ATACH is committed to promoting the growth of a regulated, responsible, and sustainable marijuana and hemp industry that prioritizes public health and safety.

We kindly request that the enclosed research paper be entered into the Congressional record for the purposes of the upcoming hearing. We welcome the opportunity to be a resource on this topic, and appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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President,
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for Cannabis & Hemp