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Hon. Alexander Wiley
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As you no doubt know, our good state in the past has produced four-fifths of all the hemp grown in the United States.

It now comes to my attention that the Federal government wants more hemp grown and is going to spend several hundred thousand dollars in other states to build new plants to produce this hemp. If the Federal government needs more fiber for the war effort, the plants in our good state would be able to turn it out with only some consideration and do it in a lot faster time than it would take to build new plants.

One of the plants that I have contacted tells me that as yet they have not been able to get any assurance that they will have any hemp seed for 1943. This firm tells me that last year they had to operate with old harvesters and now the International Harvester Company tells them that they will not be able to get any parts this year for the old machines or any new machines. This company last year produced 2300 acres of hemp and could have produced more if they could have secured the seed and equipment.

I hope you will give this your attention both for the benefit of our good state and to speed the production of hemp for the war effort.

Very truly yours,

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