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Tēnā koe [MP’s/Mayor Name],

I am writing to express my strong support for the development of the industrial hemp (iHemp) industry in Aotearoa New Zealand and to urge the government to take decisive steps to remove hemp from the Misuse of Drugs Act (1975) and the Medicines Act (1981).

Low THC iHemp is not a drug and the current regulatory settings do not reflect the low risk. Its treatment as a prohibited plant creates unnecessary regulatory barriers for a product that offers significant economic, environmental, and community benefits.

By continuing to regulate industrial hemp as a controlled drug, we are stifling the growth of an industry that has the potential to contribute to a more resilient, sustainable, and diversified economy.

In our region, iHemp could create new jobs and boost rural economies, while supporting a transition to environmentally friendly farming practices. Hemp requires less water, fewer chemicals, and contributes to soil health, making it an excellent crop for organic and regenerative agriculture.

Furthermore, developing a domestic iHemp industry could strengthen supply chain resilience for various products, including food, textiles, composites & plastics and construction materials, while also reducing our reliance on imports.

To fully unlock the potential of iHemp, we need a regulatory framework that enables rather than hinders this industry. I respectfully ask that you support efforts to remove industrial hemp from the Misuse of Drugs Act and Medicines Act, allowing the local industry to thrive without unnecessary legal constraints.

By removing these outdated restrictions local government can play a key role in fostering innovation, economic growth, and environmental sustainability in our community and across Aotearoa.

I would appreciate your consideration of this matter and a reply confirming your support or feedback on establishing a progressive and forward-looking approach to iHemp in our region.

Ngā mihi nui,

[Your Name]

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