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Tēnā koe [MP’s/Mayor's Name],

I am following up on my previous correspondence regarding the potential of industrial hemp (iHemp) in Aotearoa New Zealand. As previously outlined, low-THC iHemp is not a drug crop and has vast potential across food, fibre, construction, farming and environmental sectors. However, progress remains restricted by its inclusion in the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 and the Medicines Act 1981.

To better understand how we can develop a thriving regional iHemp industry, I would value your insight on the following:

What local resources, infrastructure, or businesses in our region could be interested in using industrial hemp in their operations—whether in food manufacturing, textiles, construction materials, bioplastics, or regenerative farming practices?

Are there community or economic development initiatives in our area that could benefit from a sustainable, locally produced crop like iHemp?

To fully realise these opportunities, we must remove industrial hemp from the legal framework that currently treats it as a controlled drug. This classification creates unnecessary regulatory burdens and discourages investment and innovation.

Would you support a Private Member’s Bill to remove industrial hemp from the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975? Doing so would allow New Zealand to embrace a sustainable, future-focused hemp industry and unlock economic benefits for regions like ours.

If you are interested in learning more, would you like someone from the NZ Hemp Industries Association (NZHIA) to contact you to discuss the specific opportunities in your region? I would be happy to arrange a call or meeting at your convenience.

I would appreciate your response on this important matter and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Ngā mihi nui,

[Your Name]

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Mayors List: <https://nzhia.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Mayors-NZ-Dec-2024.pdf>

Local MP’s list: <https://nzhia.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/MPs-NZ-Dec-2024.pdf>

Details of all MP’s: <https://www.parliament.nz/en/mps-and-electorates/members-of-parliament/>

Government Electorates: <https://vote.nz/maps/find-your-electorate/>

Local government <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Lists_of_mayors_of_places_in_New_Zealand>