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Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of  
the Kansas City City Council,

I am writing to ask that this message  
be placed on record regarding  
Ordinance 251028.

I respectfully urge you to **remove**  
**federally legal hemp-derived**  
**cannabinoids from this ordinance.**

Banning hemp will not eliminate  
demand — it will only fuel the black  
market, invite unsafe and untested  
products back into our communities,  
and increase crime.

This ordinance would strip lower-  
income families of access to the  
affordable hemp products they rely on  
daily, deny veterans access to  
federally legal alternatives, and  
eliminate hundreds of small  
businesses across Kansas City.

Hemp prohibition would force  
employees onto unemployment, leave  
vacant storefronts throughout the city,  
and allow illicit operators to replace

legal, regulated, and taxed hemp businesses.

A more sensible solution is regulation — not prohibition.

Kansas City can protect public safety by:

- Prohibiting sales to minors
- Restricting gas stations from selling hemp products
- Requiring Certificates of Analysis (COAs)
- Enforcing child-resistant packaging

The Missouri marijuana industry was allowed to create a full regulatory framework for federally scheduled products. The same approach can and should be applied to federally legal hemp.

Hemp provides safe, legal access to wellness for residents who cannot afford marijuana or prefer not to use it. Removing that access harms citizens — not corporations.

Please protect small businesses, workers, veterans, and Kansas City families by removing hemp-derived cannabinoids from Ordinance 251028.

Respectfully,  
Julie Hyden  
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THANK YOU

