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Legal hemp should not be banned because it provides clear economic, environmental, and practical benefits without the harmful effects associated with illegal drugs. Hemp contains only trace amounts of THC, meaning it does not cause intoxication, yet it supports thousands of jobs through farming, manufacturing, and retail. It is also an environmentally friendly crop that grows quickly, requires less water than many alternatives, and can be used to produce sustainable products such as paper, textiles, biodegradable plastics, and building materials. Banning legal hemp would hurt farmers and small businesses, limit innovation in eco-friendly industries, and remove a valuable agricultural resource, all while failing to improve public safety. Instead of banning hemp, governments should regulate it responsibly and allow communities to benefit from its many uses.