

Dear Senator _____,

Date: _____

I am writing to ask that you please become a cosponsor of S. 359 the bipartisan Senate companion bill to H.R. 525, the Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2013. Senators Ron Wyden, Rand Paul, Jeff Merkley, and Mitch McConnell introduced S. 359 on February 14, 2013. This legislation allows American farmers to once again grow industrial hemp to the extent that it is allowed under state laws. The text of S. 359 is available from THOMAS: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.uscongress/legislation.113s359>

If you are already a co-sponsor of S. 359, I thank you and ask that you support committee hearings for the bill and ask your colleagues in the Senate to become cosponsors as well.

If you or your staff would like to learn more about this agricultural issue, please read the latest version of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) report "Hemp as an Agricultural Commodity," which is July 24, 2013 and has the order code RL32725. The report can be ordered from the CRS or it can be downloaded from the National Agricultural Law Center at: <http://votehemp.com/CRS>

To date, **thirty-two** states have introduced pro-hemp legislation and **twenty** have passed pro-hemp legislation. Ten states have defined industrial hemp as distinct and removed barriers to its production. These states will be able to take immediate advantage of the industrial hemp research and pilot program provision, **Section 7606 of the Farm Bill**: [California](#), [Colorado](#), [Kentucky](#), [Maine](#), [Montana](#), [North Dakota](#), [Oregon](#), [Vermont](#), [Washington](#), and [West Virginia](#). Passage of a bill like the Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2013 would finally allow these states to choose whether or not to let farmers grow industrial hemp.

I would specifically like to know: Will you cosponsor S. 359, Senator Ron Wyden's version of the Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2013, which will permit agricultural hemp farming in the U.S.? What is your position on supporting farmers in the U.S. with the opportunity to once again farm this valuable agricultural crop? What did you, or your staff, think of the CRS report and the video? I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name

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City, State, Zip Code

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