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I am opposed to this bill

Keep hemp distillates out of Maine.

<https://www.liebertpub.com/doi/10.1089/can.2022.0126> "The Dark Side of Cannabidiol: The Unanticipated Social and Clinical Implications of Synthetic $\Delta 8$ -THC"

Introduction: The explosive growth of the cannabis industry in the United States over the past decade has spurred a multitude of products derived from phytocannabinoids produced by *Cannabis sativa* L. Decades of cannabis prohibition coupled with the more recent 2018 Farm Bill have lead to several unanticipated consequences and the widespread availability of synthetic cannabinoids derived from hemp CBD, including $\Delta 8$ -THC, $\Delta 10$ -THC and HHC.

Methods: Herein, we review the available literature of the complexity of the chemistry of its current manufacture, namely, the acid-catalyzed ring closure of cannabidiol (ACRCC), the myriad of issues involving the unsolved technical problems with quality control of ACRCC- $\Delta 8$ -THC and the multitude of isomerized byproducts, and the lack of consistent regulation regarding consumer safety and labeling.

Results: We provide what we believe is the first comprehensive listing of all the documented ACRCC- $\Delta 8$ -THC byproducts. Perhaps, most importantly, we highlight the growing concern that, other than $\Delta 8$ -THC itself, the compounds in ACRCC- $\Delta 8$ -THC product mixtures have not been subjected to any human toxicological evaluation. This is especially troubling as ACRCC- $\Delta 8$ -THC products relate to vaping, and their contribution to a growing and lethal epidemic of electronic cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI).

Conclusions: Quality control is totally inadequate in the newly emerging $\Delta 8$ -THC industry. American consumers are ingesting products that are mislabeled with many compounds that have never received any toxicological testing. EVALI cases continue to be reported with a fatality rate approaching 2% (in California).