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LD 1960

Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and the members of the joint standing committee on Taxation,

My name is Lizzy Hayes, I live in Mercer, and I am an organic farmer who has grown hemp since 2019. I am submitting testimony in SUPPORT of LD1960. When the Veterans and Legal Affairs committee passed LD83 in 2023, which made it clear that adult use and medical cannabis products are not tobacco products, hemp was not included, which I believe was an oversight because no one from the hemp industry was involved in those discussions. LD1960 would take the simple and commonsense step of including hemp products in the clarification that was made for adult use and medical cannabis.

In regards to the fact that the state has been selectively enforcing this tax on some businesses but not others, I hope that the committee will seriously consider the impact that has had on local businesses who have been subject to enforcement of an incorrect inclusion of hemp products in the definition of tobacco products.

I am glad to see this issue brought before your committee. Thank you for your consideration and please vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD1920.