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Office of the Governor of Iowa Iowa State Capitol 1007 E Grand Ave #101 Des Moines, IA 50319

Re: Senate File 69

Dear Governor Reynolds,

Why is our medical cannabis program, that includes "all" cannabinoids called a "cannabidiol" program which is only one of over one hundred cannabinoids? Is that an intentional lie to deceive the public into thinking it's a hemp CBD program? The board that regulates the program has been asking for its name to be changed, because "cannabidiol" is not scientifically accurate and this creates great confusion among the public and law enforcement. And why hasn't Iowa obtained a federal exemption like the one for peyote, 21 C.F.R. 1307.31 and Iowa Code Section 124.204(8)? The cost of producing THC under this federal racketeering scheme, Iowa Code Chapter 124E, is twice what it costs to produce THC from hemp, which is now a national disaster. See HF 2605 currently attached to SF 2352 on the Senate Unfinished Business Calendar. The board has also been advocating for a federal exemption like the one for peyote since 2019, and it's strongly worded in the annual reports for 2022 and 2023. Senator Zaun tried to fix this by filing Senate File 69, but it has died for lack of support. Legislators prefer federal crime to law and order. Pathetic. Please do whatever you can to fix these

problems before this gets any worse. And it will get worse. These federal continuing criminal enterprises (21 U.S.C 848) operating the cannabidiol program are about to receive windfall profits when marijuana is downgraded to Schedule III because they will no longer be penalized under 26 U.S.C. 280E. This is an absolute disaster happening under your watch. Please do something. Thank you.

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cc: Senator Brad Zaun