

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## NPA Continues to Lead Industry Effort to Regulate CBD In Comments to FDA

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Natural Products Association (NPA) continued its sustained effort to secure federal regulations for CBD products in comments to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). NPA's comments follow the recent passage of legislation in the House of Representatives today that would appropriate \$100,000 for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to perform a Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) and set a safe level of CBD for consumers to use each day. The process would follow the same precedent as red yeast rice, which allows a natural product to contain a level of a drug ingredient that the FDA has determined to be safe.

NPA's comments can be viewed here.

"The government has the authority to provide clarity for this new promising product for consumers and the emerging billion-dollar market it will produce," said Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., President and CEO of NPA. "NPA is leading this effort because we believe strongly in a clear and fair regulatory approach for all new ingredients."

NPA addressed three specific issues related to CBD:

- 1. Health and Safety Risks
- 2. Manufacturing and Product Quality
- 3. Legal Authorities
- Recently, NPA led a legislative effort to secure language in the FY 2020 House Agriculture
  Appropriations bill to appropriate \$100,000 for the FDA to perform an HHE and is leading a
  grassroots effort urging the Senate to act.
- On May 31, 2019, NPA testified at the FDA's first public hearing on CBD.
- On March 14, 2019, NPA submitted <u>official comments</u> to the FDA concerning approaches to CBD regulation that will also help facilitate the discussion.
- On October 24, 2018, NPA sent a letter to FDA asking for regulatory leadership on CBD products.

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## **Natural Products Association**

The **Natural Products Association (NPA)** is *the* trade association representing the entire natural products industry. We advocate for our members who supply, manufacture and sell natural ingredients or products for consumers. The Natural Products Association promotes good manufacturing practices as part of the growth and success of the industry. Founded in 1936, NPA represents over 1,000 members accounting for more than 10,000 locations of retailers, manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements, and health/beauty aids. Visit <a href="https://www.npanational.org">www.npanational.org</a>

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