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Senate Committee Fails to Include House Language Instructing FDA to Regulate CBD

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Senate Agriculture Appropriations Committee today failed to include legislation passed by the House of Representatives that would appropriate \$100,000 for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to perform an evaluation 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.

While the Committee did include report language instructing the FDA to report back to them in 90 days, they failed to make any meaningful progress to ensure American consumers that CBD products that are widely available on the marketplace are safe for them to use.

“What we saw today was the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee fail to include any meaningful legislative language that would force the FDA to do its job when it comes to CBD. Sadly, this approach will lead to nothing but problems. We are seeing that play out with the vaping crisis and we are desperately hoping to avoid that with CBD,” said Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D. President and CEO of NPA. “This should have been an easy choice for the committee, they should have taken their lead from the U.S. House of Representatives where Congressman McNerney had already had an amendment pass that would actually protect American consumers. However, the fight is not over. We are continuing our work to ensure that the one in seven Americans that use a CBD product everyday have the ability to believe that the FDA is doing its job and not taking the path of least resistance. We encourage everyone to tell their Congressman and Senators to set a safe level of daily consumption for CBD.”

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