

## Advisory Council

November 19, 2024

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The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries,

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John Faught, J. D.

Ken Finn, M.D.

Jeff Hanson, M.D.

As the 118th Congress draws to a close, a number of legislative matters are under consideration for expedited passage. We strongly urge that S. 2860 – The SAFER Act-- not be among them. The reason for the exclusion of the SAFER Act is simple: in its current form, it lacks critical safeguards necessary to protect children, young adults, and other vulnerable populations against the dangerous health risks posed by unregulated, high potency THC products marketed to and consumed by these cohorts.

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The proponents of this legislation have argued that it is needed to protect the safety of small businesses and their employees in the marijuana industry in states where it has been legalized and to provide certainty for banks and financial institutions who provide financial services to these businesses. However, they have refused to acknowledge their responsibility to ensure that consumers have protections as well so they can make choices with the full awareness of the adverse health effects that occur when products with high THC concentrations are sold to and consumed, particularly by children and other vulnerable populations.

Lorrie Odom, M.D.

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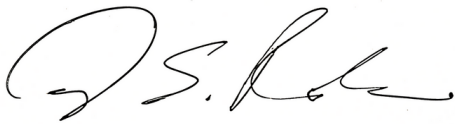
Marie Whiteside, M.D.

**On March 20, 2024, twenty-one State Attorneys General wrote to the Congress urging it to take action on "intoxicating" hemp-derived products. These Attorneys General hail from across the country and ideological spectrum, from both states that allow psychoactive cannabis sales and those that do not. In that letter, they described the unacceptable risks and harms these deceptive products pose, particularly for children and young people. Many issues raised in that letter also pertain to psychoactive cannabis or marijuana sales in states that have legalized recreational marijuana, due to product inconsistencies and a patchwork of regulations or lack thereof.**

We believe these negative impacts and outcomes are undesirable to you as leaders of our country and to leaders in our nation's financial and banking sectors. It would be irresponsible to pass the SAFER Act this Congress, without taking steps to address these unacceptable risks. As we noted previously, proponents of the SAFER Act argue that passage of this measure is about safety. If that is the case, the safety of our nation's children and young people should be addressed simultaneously. Unfortunately, that is unlikely to happen in the brief time left in the current Congress. Moreover, there will be ample time during the next Congress to thoroughly weigh the pros and cons of this legislation and to allow serious debate on the necessity of expanding the scope of this measure to address legitimate health and safety concerns.

Therefore, we respectfully urge you to defer any further legislative action on the SAFER Act during this Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. S. Robinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Doug Robinson  
Chairman of the Board  
One Chance to Grow Up

One Chance to Grow Up is a national Colorado-based nonpartisan nonprofit that concerned parents formed after Colorado voters legalized marijuana use and commercial sales of marijuana products. Our sole mission is to protect kids from the harms of psychoactive cannabis in any permitted form and source.