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Testimony in support of House Bill 5780 An Act Legalizing Industrial Hemp

Good Morning Co –Chairs Senator Leone, Representative Baram; Vice Chairs Senator Larson, Representative Kiner; Ranking members Senator Witcos and Representative Carter and esteemed members of the Committee. My name is Matthew Snyder, I live in Stonington Connecticut. I am supporting bill HB 5780.

I am in favor of making it legal to grow industrial hemp as it has hundreds of uses, it is not psychoactive, it is fast growing, good for the soil, and has nutritional value. We can grow industrial hemp right here in Connecticut. It is good for the farmers. There is processing of the plant material and the manufacturing of that material into finished goods which could also take place in Connecticut. All of this could provide jobs and revenue for the state.

When else could you do so much by doing so little?

Please start the process by passing this bill

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