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Chairman Solomon and members of the Committee:

My name is Nishan Han, and I am the owner of Rhode Island Reef, a Rhode Island licensed hemp consumables business.

I am here today not as someone hoping to enter this industry someday, but as an operator already participating in it today. Rhode Island Reef currently manufactures and sells hemp-derived THC beverages to Rhode Island adults through licensed retail channels.

I think that perspective is important, because this market is not theoretical anymore. It already exists. Licensed retailers are already treating these products with the same age-verification and compliance standards they apply to other adult-use products on their shelves. House Bill 8414 would bring a clear and stable regulatory framework to a market that is already functioning in Rhode Island today.

I can also speak directly to why regulatory clarity matters.

Rhode Island Reef recently entered into a partnership with a Rhode Island licensed beverage alcohol distributor to expand our products through the licensed liquor store channel. In many ways, that relationship already reflects the exact framework this bill is proposing: licensed manufacturers, licensed distributors, and licensed Rhode Island retailers operating through regulated channels.

What businesses like ours need now is long-term stability and clear rules.

That stability would allow companies like mine to invest more confidently in Rhode Island-based manufacturing, packaging, and production. I would prefer to build more of our operations here in Rhode Island, support local jobs, and continue growing a Rhode Island brand. But many manufacturers and co-packers are hesitant to invest in a category that does not yet have a clearly established legal framework.

House Bill 8414 helps solve that problem.

I also believe this bill strikes an appropriate balance between access and regulation. It places oversight with the Cannabis Control Commission, requires testing and labeling standards, applies age restrictions, creates accountability within the distribution system, and brings these products into a more transparent and regulated marketplace.

From the perspective of a Rhode Island small business already operating in this industry, this is the type of framework that allows responsible companies to continue growing while protecting consumers and supporting legitimate commerce.

Rhode Island Reef respectfully urges the Committee to advance House Bill 8414.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nishan Han  
Owner, Rhode Island Reef