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Governor Kristi Noem  
Office of the Governor  
500 E Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

Reed Holwegner, Director  
Legislative Research Council  
500 E. Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: SD 2022 Hemp Report

Dear Governor Noem and Mr. Holwegner:

Pursuant to SDCL 38-35-19 here is the Hemp Report for 2022.

The Attorney General's Statistical Analysis Center surveyed law enforcement in November concerning the effect of legalizing industrial hemp. Law enforcement reported one violation of the industrial hemp laws. Meade County charged one individual with Smoking Industrial Hemp and a DUI. The Industrial hemp charge was ultimately dismissed.

In 2022 the testing requirements associated with Industrial hemp had a clear effect on law enforcement's ability to continue to prosecute illegal cases of marijuana and/or controlled substances. The legalization of medical marijuana has a greater impact on the prosecution of these cases than the early stages of the legalization of industrial hemp.

Please contact me if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

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Mark A. Vargo  
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