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To Interested Parties:

On behalf of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the final report and recommendations from the Psychoactive Hemp Derivatives Ad Hoc Committee; *Protect Wisconsin Youth: Preventing Youth Access to Delta-8 THC and Other Hemp-Derived Psychoactive Cannabis Products in Wisconsin*.

In 2018 the United States Agriculture Improvement Act (2018 Farm Bill) expanded the definition of hemp and legalized it by removing it from the Controlled Substances Act. The expanded definition defines hemp as "the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts, and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9 THC concentration of not more than 0.3 percent on a dry weight basis."

Thus, the 2018 Farm Bill essentially legalized a whole host of mind-altering cannabis products created chemically from hemp that have intoxicating properties similar to marijuana (delta-9 THC). Known as derived psychoactive cannabis products (DPCPs), these products are readily available on the market and contain any number of intoxicating compounds the most common being Delta-8 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), THC-P, Delta-9 THC, HHC, THC-A, Delta-10 THC, THC-H, THC-B, THC-JD, THC-X, HHC-P, and Delta-11 THC. What's more, despite their mind-altering effects, the federal government and many states, Wisconsin included, have yet to impose a minimum legal purchase age on these products to protect young people.

This report will be a valuable tool for those around the state who are interested in promoting the health, safety and well-being of Wisconsin youth. If you have any questions about *Protect Wisconsin Youth: Preventing Youth Access to Delta-8 THC and Other Hemp-Derived Psychoactive Cannabis Products in Wisconsin*, please contact Chris Wardlow at: chris.wardlow@outagamie.org. If you or anyone you know would like additional copies of this report, it is available online at: www.scaoda.state.wi.us.

Sincerely,

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