UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SHERMAN DIVISION

| HEMP INDUSTRY LEADERS OF TEXAS, | § | |
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| ET AL. | § | |
| | § | CIVIL ACTION NO. |
| v. | § | 4:24-CV-00944-SDJ |
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| CITY OF ALLEN, ET AL. | § | |

<u>DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' ADVISORY REGARDING GC-MS</u> TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Defendants herein respond to Plaintiffs HILT and Sabhie Khan's Advisory to the Court. Plaintiffs have graciously brought this Court's attention to several reports from the Texas Forensic Science Commission, including one directed at Armstrong Laboratory—the very lab that tested the illegal products seized from Plaintiff's shop. (ECF 40-1; ECF 2, pp. 7-8, ¶ 10). The Commission held that there was no evidence of professional negligence or misconduct by Armstrong. (ECF 40-1, p. 15). Defendants remind this Court that gas and liquid chromatography are acceptable testing methods for measuring THC levels in hemp/marijuana and the test must account for the conversion of THCA into delta-9 THC. Defendants appreciate Plaintiff's candor.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Establishment of a Domestic Hemp Production Program, 86 Fed. Reg. 11, p.5602, §D, ¶¶6-8 (Jan. 19, 2021)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing is being forwarded this 5th day of June, 2025, the foregoing was electronically filed with the Electronic Case Filing System for the Eastern District of Texas and electronic notice of this filing was given to all counsel of record via the ECF System.

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