# **Lightspeed E-Commerce Makeover for Texas Hemp: Tonight's Action Plan**

Your store can increase conversions by 20-30% tonight through strategic platform optimization, setting up API-driven email automation within a week, and positioning as the trusted choice for conservative Texans entering the hemp market. Focus first on reducing checkout friction (guest checkout, minimal fields, digital wallets), implementing robust age verification with BlueCheck, and establishing trust through COA transparency and BBB accreditation. The Texas hemp market represents a \$5.5 billion opportunity with 30% annual growth, Cannabis Business Times +2 and cannabis-curious conservatives ages 30-60 are your highest-value segment—they convert at 10% (vs. 2-3% typical ecommerce) and have 47.9% retention rates when trust signals are properly deployed. (justuno)

# Immediate priorities for tonight's makeover

Before the DNS switch to reggieanddro.com, focus on checkout optimization and mobile experience since 60-70% of your traffic comes from mobile devices. Adobe (lightspeedhq) The Lightspeed platform offers native features that dramatically reduce cart abandonment when properly configured. (Lightspeed) Conservative Texas audiences require specific trust signals—BBB accreditation, veteran affiliations, and third-party lab testing displayed prominently. (Power Digital) (smartbugmedia) Your abandoned cart emails already work, proving conversion tracking is functional, so layer on welcome and post-purchase sequences this week to capture the full customer journey.

# **Tonight's critical optimizations (2-4 hours, highest ROI)**

Navigate to your Lightspeed eCom back office and make these configuration changes immediately for 10-25% conversion improvement.

Enable guest checkout to eliminate registration friction. Go to Settings  $\rightarrow$  Advanced  $\rightarrow$  REGISTRATION section and select "Guest only" from the dropdown. (lightspeedhq) (Lightspeed eCom) This single change removes the #1 cart abandonment reason—28% of shoppers abandon when forced to create an account. (Baymard) (lightspeedhq) Conservative audiences especially value quick, efficient transactions without unnecessary data collection.

Reduce checkout form fields ruthlessly. Under Checkout → Configuration → Additional customer fields, set Date of birth to Hidden (you'll use BlueCheck for age verification instead), Middle name to Hidden, and Mobile phone to Optional. Every field you eliminate increases completion rates. Baymard lightspeedhq For hemp compliance, you need email and shipping address only—age verification happens through BlueCheck integration, not manual form fields.

Activate Apple Pay and Google Pay immediately. In Settings → Payment Providers → Lightspeed Payments, enable both digital wallets. (Lightspeed Retail) These payment methods skip the entire checkout form for returning customers, converting mobile users in seconds rather than minutes. (lightspeedhq) Since

60-70% of your traffic is mobile, this transforms the buying experience for your core audience. Digital wallets also signal modern security to conservative buyers skeptical of online transactions.

Simplify the checkout experience for mobile. Go to Settings  $\rightarrow$  Advanced  $\rightarrow$  STORE section and toggle "Show progress" to OFF. (lightspeedhq) (Lightspeed eCom) Progress indicators consume valuable mobile screen space and make checkout feel longer. (lightspeedhq) Conservative buyers want efficiency over hand-holding. Also verify you're using Lightspeed's Ignite theme (Design  $\rightarrow$  Theme Store) which includes a mobile-optimized slide-out cart and thumb-friendly buttons. (Lightspeed +3)

Add trust pages and company transparency. Create or update these pages tonight under Content → Pages: About Us (tell your Texas origin story emphasizing freedom and prosperity), Contact Us with visible phone number and Texas address, clear Privacy Policy, and Terms and Conditions. (Baymard)

Lightspeed eCom Display your physical Texas address in Settings → General → Company.

Lightspeed eCom +2 Conservative audiences ages 30-60 research extensively before purchasing −81.1% actively seek BBB-accredited businesses, (Better Business Bureau) and professional content pages signal legitimacy. (smartbugmedia) (FigPii)

Customize your thank you page for repeat business. Navigate to Content → "Thank you for your purchase" and add a personalized message, (Lightspeed eCom) 10% discount code for next purchase (create under Marketing → Discounts), and links to your educational content about THCa usage. (Baymard) (lightspeedhq) Post-purchase is your moment of maximum trust—convert it immediately into loyalty and repeat sales.

Test your mobile checkout flow end-to-end. Use your actual phone to add a product, proceed through checkout, and verify every step loads quickly and buttons are thumb-friendly (minimum 44x44px touch targets). (Adobe) Check that forms use appropriate keyboards (numeric for phone, email for email address) and autofill works correctly. (lightspeedhq) Most checkout issues only appear on real devices, not desktop browsers.

# This week's essential setup (10-15 hours for 20-30% total conversion improvement)

Build your compliance infrastructure and email automation foundation this week before scaling marketing spend.

## Age verification that builds trust instead of destroying conversion

Implement BlueCheck as your age verification partner. BlueCheck is the official partner of the U.S. Hemp Roundtable and uses AES-256 encrypted storage with dual verification logs. Cannabis Business Times

(U.S. Hemp Roundtable) Unlike simple "Are you 21+" checkboxes that fail compliance, BlueCheck performs real-time identity verification using credit bureaus and databases. (smartbugmedia) (U.S. Hemp Roundtable) Most importantly, verification happens at checkout, not site entry—letting customers browse freely before verification preserves SEO value and top-of-funnel traffic.

Email [email protected] to set up your account. U.S. Hemp Roundtable members receive exclusive discounted pricing. Cannabis Business Times U.S. Hemp Roundtable Implementation takes about 3-4 hours for full integration with Lightspeed. BlueCheck stores verification for repeat customers, so the friction occurs only once per customer— (U.S. Hemp Roundtable) critical for building long-term customer relationships.

Position age verification as protection, not impediment. On your homepage banner, display "Premium Hemp Products for Adults 21+" in a confident tone. On product pages, add "Age Verification Required at Checkout" near the Add to Cart button. At checkout, frame it as "Quick verification - One time only" with "Your information is encrypted and secure" reassurance immediately below. Conservative Texans value rule-following—emphasize you're "Following Texas State Law" to build trust through compliance.

(smartbugmedia)

Do not use hard gates at site entry or before browsing. This approach kills SEO (search engines can't crawl gated content) and destroys top-of-funnel traffic. (Advision-ecommerce) Age-curious visitors need to see your products, read your educational content, and understand your quality standards before committing to verification. BlueCheck's checkout-triggered verification preserves the research phase while ensuring compliance.

# Certificate of Analysis presentation that converts skeptical conservatives

Create a dedicated COA lookup page and integrate lab results into every product page. Conservative audiences ages 30-60 are fact-based decision makers who extensively research before purchasing—make verification effortless. (charlottesweb) Partner with an ISO 17025-certified lab in Texas (Green Scientific Labs or ACS Laboratory) and test every product batch for cannabinoid potency, Delta-9 THC content (must show <0.3%), heavy metals, pesticides, residual solvents, and microbial contamination.

**Build a three-path COA access system.** First, generate batch-specific QR codes for product packaging that link directly to PDF lab results. Second, create a searchable database on your website where customers enter batch numbers to retrieve COAs. (Sunset Lake CBD) Third, add a "View Lab Results" button on every product page above the fold, opening lab results in a pop-up or slide-out viewer without forcing users to leave the page. (Healthline)

Present COAs in user-friendly format, not raw lab documents. Charlotte's Web excels at this—they create branded summary documents showing test results in clear graphics with explanations of what each section means. Healthline Create a "How to Read a COA" guide explaining cannabinoid profiles, contaminant testing, and why independent third-party verification matters. Frame this as competitive advantage: "Transparency You Can Trust" or "See What's Inside Every Bottle."

Display lab testing badges prominently. Add "Third-Party Lab Tested" trust badges near your Add to Cart buttons, in your header, and at checkout. (NSF) Include the testing lab's name and ISO 17025 accreditation in your COA footer to demonstrate legitimate independent verification. (Sunset Lake CBD) This addresses the #1 concern of conservative, cannabis-curious buyers: "Is this actually safe?"

#### High-risk payment processing setup for hemp commerce

You cannot rely on Square long-term for hemp sales—most standard processors eventually close CBD/hemp accounts. Apply for specialized high-risk merchant accounts immediately with 3-5% processing fees (vs. 2-3% standard) but stable, compliant relationships. (PayDiverse) (Easy Pay Direct)

AllayPay is the recommended primary processor with 10+ years CBD merchant experience, fast approvals, competitive rates, and no long-term contracts. They support all hemp products under 0.3% THC and can even help merchants on the MATCH list. Application requirements include current lab reports for all products, USDA/state licenses, compliant website with proper disclosures, and SSL certificate. Processing approval takes several days, so begin immediately.

Set up multiple backup accounts simultaneously with PayDiverse (integrates with WooCommerce and Shopify, maintains 4+ banking relationships to distribute risk), Easy Pay Direct (established since 2000 with 24/7 service), or PayKings (24+ acquiring banking relationships with cannabis/hemp expertise).

(PayDiverse) (Easy Pay Direct) Never rely on a single processor—account closures happen without warning in high-risk industries, and having backup accounts prevents business disruption.

Configure payment processing in Settings  $\rightarrow$  Payment Providers and reorder payment methods (eCom Admin Panel  $\rightarrow$  Payment  $\rightarrow$  Actions  $\rightarrow$  Sort) to show digital wallets first for mobile users, then credit/debit cards, then alternatives like PayPal. (Lightspeed Retail) Display payment method logos prominently at checkout with security badges to reduce payment-related cart abandonment. (BigCommerce) (FigPii)

Implement robust fraud prevention since hemp merchants face elevated chargeback risk. Enable address verification (AVS), CVV checking, and monitor for suspicious patterns. PayDiverse Easy Pay Direct Write crystal-clear product descriptions to prevent misunderstandings that lead to chargebacks. Most importantly, provide responsive customer service—quickly resolving issues prevents customers from initiating chargebacks.

#### Trust signal infrastructure for conservative Texas buyers

**Apply for BBB accreditation immediately** at bbb.org for \$300-1,200 annually depending on business size. This single credential matters enormously to conservative audiences—81.1% actively seek BBB-accredited businesses. (FigPii+2) Display the BBB seal in your header, footer, and checkout page. (FigPii+2) Once accredited, target an A+ rating through excellent customer service and rapid complaint resolution.

Apply for LegitScript CBD Certification at legitscript.com, the industry gold standard recognized by Google and Meta. This certification is required for paid advertising on Google and select Meta platforms.

(LegitScript) (Meta) It demonstrates products are third-party tested, FDA-compliant, and contain permissible THC levels. Display the LegitScript seal prominently on your homepage—it builds immediate credibility with skeptical, cannabis-curious conservatives.

Submit your application to the U.S. Hemp Authority at ushempauthority.org for industry self-regulation certification. This involves independent third-party auditing of growers and products, demonstrating best farming practices and regulatory compliance. Only 50+ companies have earned this seal since 2018, making it a powerful differentiation signal. (Ushempauthority)

Install customer review infrastructure using Yotpo, Trustpilot, or Stamped.io with a goal of 100+ reviews at 4.5+ stars within 90 days. Conservative buyers won't purchase without reviews—86% read reviews before buying, and 82% are more likely to purchase when positive ratings appear. (Baymard +2) Display star ratings on product pages, feature testimonials addressing specific concerns (effectiveness, legality, safety), and highlight reviews from Texas customers specifically.

# Shipping compliance and carrier selection for Texas focus

Establish Lone Star Overnight (LSO) as your primary Texas carrier for the TX Takeover campaign. LSO is an Austin-based regional carrier covering 30 million consumers across Texas, Oklahoma, and expanding to Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, and Missouri metros. LSO offers 40% cost savings versus national carriers with next-day Express, 2nd-day Express, and Overnight Ground services. Lso Most importantly, using a Texas-based carrier reinforces your local positioning and "Shipped by fellow Texans" trust signal.

Configure USPS as backup for cost-effective nationwide shipping with best rural coverage, and UPS/FedEx for out-of-state expedited orders requiring guaranteed delivery. Be aware of carrier-specific requirements: UPS requires Adult Signature for all hemp shipments and prohibits vaporized hemp products; USPS allows hemp-derived CBD under 0.3% THC but requires retaining compliance records (lab results, licenses) for 3 years minimum. (Red Stag Fulfillment +5)

**Source discreet, professional packaging** that signals quality without advertising contents. Use plain boxes with no external cannabis branding—conservative buyers value privacy intensely. Include these materials in every shipment: product information card, dosing guidelines, COA reference with QR code and batch number, usage instructions, and personal thank you note. Lightspeed eCom Make packaging child-resistant (regulatory requirement plus responsible business signal) and sturdy enough to prevent damage. (Pipinsure)

Set free shipping threshold at \$75-100 to optimize average order value without deterring smaller first-time purchases. <code>[justuno]</code> <code>[lightspeedhq]</code> Configure tracking notifications through Lightspeed's shipping integrations and emphasize 2-day shipping as standard expectation. Display shipping information prominently: "Free Shipping on Orders Over \$75" in your header and "Ships within 24 hours" on product pages.

Create real-time shipping restrictions checker at checkout that validates addresses against restricted states. (justuno) While Texas allows hemp products, maintain a geographic database for future expansion. For restricted areas, capture email addresses with messaging: "We'll notify you when we can ship to [zip code]" to build pre-launch lists for market expansion.

# **Lightspeed API integration for email automation**

Connect Lightspeed's webhook system to your email platform to trigger automated sequences based on customer behavior. (Lightspeed Retail) This technical integration enables the abandoned cart, welcome, and post-purchase sequences that will drive 30-40% of your total revenue.

# API authentication and initial setup

Log into Lightspeed eCom back office, navigate to Settings  $\rightarrow$  Developers, and create a new API key with full permissions.  $\boxed{\text{Make } + 3}$  Save both the API Key and API Secret securely in environment variables, never in code. The base URL for all API calls is  $\boxed{\text{https://api.shoplightspeed.com/en/}}$  for US operations.

Authentication uses Basic Auth with base64-encoded credentials. (Lightspeedhq) Here's the structure for all API requests:

```
bash

curl https://api.shoplightspeed.com/en/products.json \
-u YOUR_API_KEY:YOUR_API_SECRET \
-H "Content-Type: application/json"
```

Test your API connection immediately by fetching your product catalog to verify credentials work correctly. Lightspeed requires an Advanced or Professional subscription for API access, (Lightspeed eCom) (Lightspeed Retail) so confirm your plan level supports integration. (Lightspeed eCom)

# Webhook configuration for email triggers

Create webhooks to notify your email platform when customers take specific actions. (Lightspeed Retail +2) Set up these essential webhooks by POSTing to (webhooks.json):

**Order created webhook** triggers order confirmation emails immediately:

```
| "webhook": {
| "isActive": true,
| "itemGroup": "orders",
| "itemAction": "created",
| "language": "en",
| "format": "json",
| "address": "https://yourdomain.com/webhooks/order-created"
| }
| }
| }
|
```

**Cart updated webhook** tracks abandoned carts for recovery emails:

```
| json
| {
| "webhook": {
| "isActive": true,
| "itemGroup": "quotes",
| "itemAction": "updated",
| "language": "en",
| "format": "json",
| "address": "https://yourdomain.com/webhooks/cart-updated"
| }
| }
| }
| }
|
```

Stack Overflow

Customer created webhook initiates welcome email sequences:

```
ison
{
  "webhook": {
    "isActive": true,
    "itemGroup": "customers",
    "itemAction": "created",
    "language": "en",
    "format": "json",
    "address": "https://yourdomain.com/webhooks/customer-created"
}
}
```

Verify webhook authenticity using MD5 hash signature verification to prevent malicious payloads:

(Lightspeedhq)

```
javascript
```

```
const crypto = require('crypto');
function verifyWebhook(payload, signature, apiSecret) {
 const hash = crypto.createHash('md5')
  .update(payload + apiSecret)
  .digest('hex');
 return hash === signature;
}
app.post('/webhooks/orders', express.raw({type: 'application/json'}), (req, res) => {
 const signature = req.headers['x-signature'];
 const payload = req.body.toString();
 if (!verifyWebhook(payload, signature, process.env.API_SECRET)) {
  return res.status(401).send('Invalid signature');
 const data = JSON.parse(payload);
 triggerOrderEmail(data.order);
res.status(200).send('OK');
});
```

Respond with 2xx status within 5 seconds or webhooks will retry. (Lightspeedhq) (Lightspeed) Build a queue system if email sending takes longer than 5 seconds to prevent duplicate webhook deliveries.

## **Custom fields for compliance data tracking**

Navigate to Products  $\rightarrow$  Custom Fields in your back office and create a "Compliance Data" field set (Lightspeed Retail +2) with these fields for every product:

- **COA Link** (text field): Direct URL to PDF lab results
- Batch Number (text field): Matches COA batch identifier
- Lab Test Date (date field): When testing was completed
- THCa Percentage (text field): Cannabinoid potency
- **Delta-9 THC Percentage** (text field): Must show <0.3%
- **Age Verification Required** (checkbox): Flags 21+ products
- Harvest Date (date field): Product freshness indicator

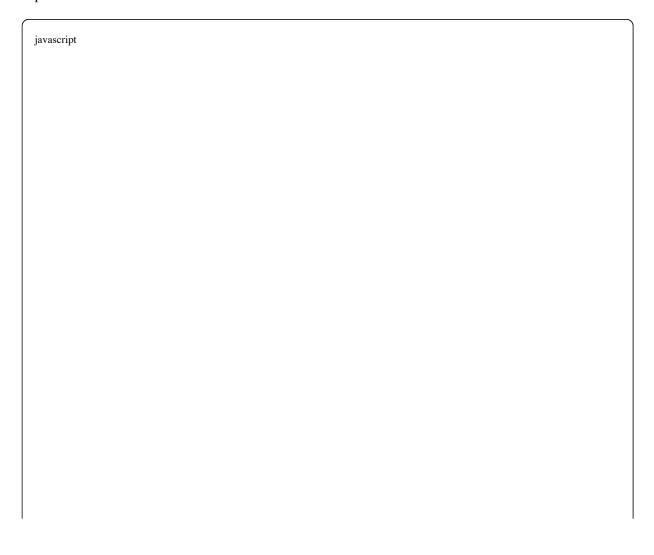
These custom fields flow through order webhooks automatically, allowing your email automation to include compliance information in order confirmations and shipping notifications. For example, include COA links in order confirmation emails so customers can verify their specific batch immediately upon purchase.

When creating or updating products via API, include custom fields in the request:

```
| "product": {
| "title": "THCa Flower - Blue Dream",
| "sku": "THCA-BD-3.5G",
| "customFields": [
| {"name": "COA Link", "value": "https://lab.example.com/coa/BD-2024-089.pdf"},
| {"name": "Batch Number", "value": "BD-2024-089"},
| {"name": "THCa Percentage", "value": "24.5%"},
| {"name": "Delta-9 THC", "value": "0.25%"}
| ]
| }
| }
| }
|
```

# Rate limiting and error handling best practices

Lightspeed eCom API has approximately 50-250 requests per minute limit (not hard documented), with front-end API at 50 requests with 5 req/sec leak rate. (Lightspeed eCom) Implement request queuing with exponential backoff for 429 rate limit errors:



```
async function safeApiCall(endpoint, options \equiv \{\}) {
 const maxRetries = 3;
 let lastError;
 for (let i = 0; i < maxRetries; i++) {
  try {
   const response = await fetch(endpoint, {
     ...options,
     headers: {
      'Authorization': `Basic ${btoa(API_KEY + ':' + API_SECRET)}`,
      'Content-Type': 'application/json'
     }
   });
   if (response.status === 429) {
     const retryAfter = response.headers.get('retry-after') || 60;
     await sleep(retryAfter * 1000);
     continue;
   if (response.status \geq 500) {
     await sleep(5000 * (i + 1));
     continue;
   if (!response.ok) {
     const error = await response.json();
     throw new <a href="Error">Error</a>(`API Error: ${error.message}`);
   return await response.json();
  } catch (error) {
   lastError = error;
   if (i === maxRetries - 1) throw error;
 throw lastError;
```

Use pagination for large datasets with maximum 250 items per request. When syncing customer data or product catalogs, iterate through pages systematically to avoid rate limits and ensure complete data capture.

# **Email automation sequences with Texas-specific copy**

Build three core automated sequences this week using Klaviyo (recommended for advanced segmentation and Lightspeed compatibility), Omnisend (more cannabis-friendly with native e-commerce features), or Mailchimp (easiest for beginners with native Lightspeed integration). Klaviyo Omnisend Klaviyo offers the best long-term scalability despite requiring custom webhook integration.

## Welcome series: Converting cannabis-curious conservatives (5 emails, 10 days)

This sequence converts new subscribers into first-time buyers, addressing the specific concerns of conservative Texans exploring hemp for the first time. (InboxArmy) Send timing is critical—too fast feels pushy, too slow loses momentum.

## **Email 1: Welcome discount and education (immediate)**

Subject: Welcome to Reggie & Dro! Here's Your Texas Discount 💗

Preview: Legal hemp freedom + 15% off your first order...

Hi [First Name],

Welcome to the Reggie & Dro family—where your freedom to choose natural wellness meets Texas quality you can trust.

#### **Your Exclusive Welcome Offer:**

Code: TXFREEDOM15 15% off your first order Expires in 7 days

## What makes us different for Texas:

We're Texas-based hemp advocates focused on your right to choose wellness alternatives. Every product is third-party lab tested (view COAs on any product page), contains less than 0.3% Delta-9 THC (federally and Texas legal), (HollyweedHemp) and arrives in discreet packaging within 2 days via our Texas shipping partner. (Power Digital) (smartbugmedia)

#### **New to hemp? Start here:**

- → THCa vs CBD: What's the difference?
- → Is this legal in Texas? (Yes—here's why)
- → How to find your ideal dosage
- → Lab testing: What to look for

We support Texas veterans with every purchase and contribute to 53,300 Texas jobs in the hemp industry. (Cannabis Business Times +2) Your wellness, your freedom, your choice.

Questions? Reply directly—we read every message.

Welcome to Texas hemp freedom,

Jesse & the Reggie & Dro Team

P.S. Use code TXFREEDOM15 at checkout for 15% off your first order.

#### **Email 2: Addressing legality concerns (Day 2)**

Subject: "Is THCa legal in Texas?" - Your questions answered

Preview: Everything you need to know about Texas hemp laws...

Hi [First Name],

When conservative Texans discover hemp products, the first question is always: "Is this actually legal?"

#### Short answer: Yes. Completely legal in Texas.

Here's why: The 2018 Farm Bill federally legalized hemp containing less than 0.3% Delta-9 THC. (FDA) Texas law follows federal guidelines. Green Herbal Care Our products meet both federal and Texas requirements, verified by independent lab testing you can view on every product page. (Red Stag Fulfillment) (HollyweedHemp)

#### What makes hemp legal but marijuana not?

Delta-9 THC content. Marijuana exceeds 0.3% Delta-9 THC. Hemp stays below that threshold.

(Green Herbal Care) Our THCa products contain high THCa (legal) and trace Delta-9 THC (under 0.3%).

## **Texas Governor Abbott's position:**

In June 2025, Governor Abbott vetoed a total hemp ban (SB3) and called for "regulation, not prohibition." (GlobeNewswire +3) He recognizes hemp's \$10.3 billion economic impact in Texas (Cannabis Business Times) and supports your freedom to choose natural wellness.

#### What you should know:

- $\rightarrow$  21+ age requirement (we verify at checkout)
- → Lab tested every batch (see COAs on product pages)
- → Legal to purchase, possess, and use in Texas
- → Ships via Texas carriers for 2-day delivery

Your freedom matters. We're committed to transparency, quality, and following every Texas regulation so you can shop with confidence.

View our full legal FAQ: [link]

Standing for Texas freedom,

Jesse

#### Email 3: Product education and beginner guidance (Day 4)

Subject: First time trying hemp? Here's what to expect

Preview: Your beginner's guide to THCa products...

[First Name], starting something new—especially hemp products—can feel uncertain. Let's make it simple.

#### For first-time users, we recommend starting low:

→ Edibles (gummies): 2.5-5mg per serving, wait 90 minutes before taking more

→ **Tinctures**: Start with 0.25ml under tongue, hold 60 seconds

→ **Pre-rolls**: Take 1-2 puffs, wait 10 minutes to assess

### What to expect:

Effects vary by person, product type, and dosage. Most users report feeling calm, relaxed, and clear-headed. THCa won't make you unable to function—you're in control.

#### **Texas customers tell us:**

"I was nervous to try it, but the low-dose gummies were perfect for starting. Felt relaxed without feeling impaired." - Sarah M., Dallas

"As a veteran, I was skeptical of anything cannabis-related. But the transparency and testing convinced me to try it. Game changer for my sleep." - Mike T., Austin

## **Our Beginner's Collection:**

- → Low-dose gummies (2.5mg per gummy)
- → Starter tincture with dosing guide
- → Pre-roll sampler pack

All products include detailed usage instructions and dosing recommendations. And remember: you can always reply to ask questions before ordering.

Your 15% discount expires in 3 days: TXFREEDOM15

Ready to explore?

Jesse

#### **Email 4: Social proof and veteran connection (Day 7)**

Subject: Why 2,000+ Texas veterans choose Reggie & Dro

Preview: Quality, transparency, and supporting those who served...

[First Name],

Texas veterans trust us with their wellness because we've earned it through transparency, quality, and giving back.

#### What veterans tell us matters:

- ✓ Independent lab testing (not just our word)
- ✓ Made in America from American-grown hemp
- ✓ Discreet shipping (privacy matters)
- ✓ Veteran-friendly customer service
- ✓ Portion of proceeds support Texas VFW chapters

"I served this country and believe in freedom of choice. Reggie & Dro respects that—quality products, honest testing, no BS." - James R., Veteran, San Antonio

## **Texas VFW Chapter Support:**

We contribute to Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars chapters with every order, funding memberships and veteran services. (Hometown Hero) Your purchase supports fellow Texans who served.

#### **BBB A+ Accreditation:**

We're applying for Better Business Bureau accreditation because we're committed to the highest standards of business ethics and customer service. Conservative Texans deserve companies that stand behind their products. (FigPii)

## Your freedom expires tomorrow:

Code TXFREEDOM15 expires in 24 hours. If you've been researching and considering trying hemp, now's the time.

Supporting Texas veterans with every order,

Jesse & the Reggie & Dro Team

P.S. Your 15% discount expires tomorrow at midnight.

#### **Email 5: Final reminder and testimonial (Day 10)**

Subject: Last chance: Your Texas freedom discount expires tonight

Preview: TXFREEDOM15 expires at midnight...

[First Name], this is your final reminder—code TXFREEDOM15 expires tonight at midnight.

#### What you're getting with Reggie & Dro:

- → Third-party lab tested (view COAs on every product)
- → Legal in Texas (federally compliant hemp)
- → Ships from Texas via Texas carriers
- → Arrives in 2 days in discreet packaging
- → 30-day satisfaction guarantee
- → Supports Texas veterans and hemp jobs

"I finally tried hemp after months of research. Reggie & Dro's transparency and Texas connection made me confident enough to order. No regrets." - Linda P., Houston

#### Your options tonight:

[Beginner Bundle] Low-dose gummies + tincture + guide - \$67 \$57 with code

[Texas Sampler] Try 3 different products - \$89 \$75 with code

[Best Seller] THCa Flower - Blue Dream - \$45 \$38 with code

Questions before ordering? Reply to this email.

Code TXFREEDOM15 expires at midnight. After tonight, welcome discounts reset to 10% for new customers.

Your freedom to choose wellness,

Jesse

# Abandoned cart recovery: Three-email sequence optimized for compliance concerns

Cart abandonment for hemp products often stems from legality questions, not price concerns. Omnisend Address objections directly while creating urgency.

#### **Email 1: Gentle reminder with reassurance (1 hour after abandonment)**

Subject: Still interested in [Product Name]?

Preview: Your cart is waiting - 2-day Texas shipping available...

Hi [First Name],

You left [Product Name] in your cart. We're holding it for you.

[Product Image]

[Product Name]

\$[Price]

 $\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow 4.8/5$  stars (847 Texas reviews)

## Why Texas customers choose this:

"Exactly what I needed for evening relaxation. Lab results gave me confidence to try it." - Robert M., Dallas

#### **Questions before completing your order?**

- → Is this legal in Texas? (Yes—view our compliance page)
- → How is it shipped? (Discreet packaging, 2-day delivery)
- → Will I pass a drug test? (Learn more about THC content)

Your cart is saved and ready whenever you are.

[Complete My Order]

Supporting Texas freedom,

Jesse

#### **Email 2: Address objections with social proof (24 hours)**

Subject: 847 Texans reviewed [Product Name]—here's what they said

Preview: Real customers, real results, verified purchases...

[First Name],

[Product Name] is still in your cart. Before you decide, see what other conservative Texans are saying:

À À À À ☐ "I'm a skeptical conservative who researched for weeks. The lab testing and Texas connection convinced me. Outstanding quality." - Steven P., Fort Worth

À À À À ☐ "Discreet shipping was important to me. Arrived in plain packaging within 2 days. Professional operation." - Margaret L., San Antonio

#### Why hesitate?

- ✓ Third-party lab tested (view COA)
- ✓ Legal in Texas (federally compliant)
- ✓ 30-day money-back guarantee
- ✓ Free shipping over \$75
- ✓ BBB accreditation pending (A+ standards)

Your cart expires in 48 hours. Complete your order now.

[Complete My Order]

Questions? Call us: [phone] or reply to this email.

Jesse & Team

#### **Email 3: Final offer with discount (72 hours)**

Subject: [First Name], here's 10% off your cart (expires in 24 hours)

Preview: Last chance to save on [Product Name]...

[First Name],

Your cart is about to expire. As a final offer, here's 10% off:

**Your Exclusive Code: COMEBACK10** 

[Product Name]

Was: \$[Price]

Now: \$[Discounted Price] with code COMEBACK10

Savings: \$[Amount]

This code expires in 24 hours and works only for items currently in your cart.

### Why wait?

"I almost didn't order, but the testimonials and lab testing convinced me. Three months later, I'm on a subscription." - Daniel R., Dallas

- ✓ Ships from Texas in 24 hours
- ✓ Arrives in 2 days, discreet packaging
- ✓ Lab tested batch-specific results
- ✓ 30-day guarantee (risk-free)

[Complete My Order with 10% Off]

Code COMEBACK10 expires tomorrow at midnight.

Last chance,

Jesse

P.S. After 72 hours, we release cart inventory. Use COMEBACK10 now to secure your order at 10% off.

## Post-purchase nurture: Building lifetime customers (5 emails, 30 days)

Turn first-time buyers into repeat customers by educating, requesting reviews, and introducing complementary products. (Klaviyo)

#### **Email 1: Order confirmation with compliance data (immediate)**

Subject: Order #[number] confirmed - Arrives [date]

Preview: Your Reggie & Dro order ships within 24 hours...

Hi [First Name],

Thank you for your order! Your Texas hemp freedom is on the way.

#### Order #[number]

[Product Name] - [Quantity] - \$[Price]

Batch #[batch number] - Lab tested [date]

[View Your COA] ← See third-party lab results for your specific batch

#### **Shipping details:**

Ships from: Austin, Texas

Carrier: Lone Star Overnight

Estimated delivery: [Date, 2 days]

Tracking: [link] (updates within 12 hours)

#### Your order includes:

- → Product with batch-specific lab results
- → Dosing guide and usage instructions
- → COA card with QR code verification
- → Discreet packaging (no external branding)

#### New to this product?

Start low and go slow. Refer to included dosing guide. Effects vary by person—give it time to find your ideal dosage.

Questions about your order? Reply to this email or call [phone].

Supporting your wellness journey,

Jesse & the Reggie & Dro Team

#### **Email 2: Shipment notification (when shipped)**

Subject: Your order has shipped! Track here

Preview: Order #[number] on the way from Texas...

[First Name],

Your order shipped this morning from our Austin facility via Lone Star Overnight (fellow Texans!).

Tracking: [link]

Estimated delivery: [Date]
Carrier: Lone Star Overnight

Adult signature required upon delivery (Texas law for 21+ products). Make sure someone 21+ is available to sign.

## What's in your package:

- → [Product Name] (Batch #[number])
- → Lab results card with OR verification
- → Dosing guide tailored to your product
- → Usage instructions for optimal results

#### While you wait:

Read our usage guides:

→ Finding your ideal dosage

- → When to take hemp products
- → Storing your products properly

Your package arrives in discreet, professional packaging. No external hemp/cannabis branding.

See you in 2 days,

Jesse

#### Email 3: Usage guidance and check-in (2-3 days after delivery)

Subject: How's [Product Name] working for you?

Preview: Tips for getting the most from your hemp products...

Hi [First Name],

Your order arrived a few days ago—how's it going?

#### **Getting the most from [Product Name]:**

- → Consistency matters: Daily use for 7-14 days shows best results
- → Start low: Begin with recommended dose, adjust slowly
- → **Timing:** Most users prefer evening for relaxation products
- → **Storage:** Keep in cool, dark place (not bathroom)

## **Common first-week questions:**

"How long until I feel effects?" - Edibles: 60-90 minutes, Tinctures: 15-30 minutes, Pre-rolls: 5-10 minutes

"Can I take more?" - Wait 24 hours between dosage adjustments. Effects build over time.

"Is this working?" - Many customers report subtle effects initially that become more noticeable with consistent use.

#### **Questions or concerns?**

Reply to this email or call [phone]. We're here to help you find your ideal hemp experience.

Your wellness journey,

Jesse

## Email 4: Review request with incentive (7-14 days after delivery)

Subject: Share your Reggie & Dro experience (get 10% off)

Preview: Your feedback helps fellow Texans + you get 10% off next order...

[First Name],

You've been using [Product Name] for about a week—we'd love to hear your experience.

Your feedback helps other conservative Texans who are cannabis-curious but cautious. Honest reviews (good or bad) help them make informed decisions.

#### Leave a review, get 10% off your next order.

[Leave a Review - Takes 60 Seconds]

#### What to share:

- → How's the product working for you?
- → Was dosing information clear?
- → How was the shipping/packaging experience?
- → Would you recommend to a friend?

Recent reviews from Texans like you:

⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ "I researched for months before ordering. Reggie & Dro's transparency made me comfortable. The product exceeded expectations." - Patricia K., Houston

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"As a conservative who was skeptical, the veteran support and lab testing convinced me.

Three weeks in and very satisfied." - Tom R., Dallas

[Write Your Review]

After you review, we'll email you a code for 10% off your next order within 24 hours.

Thank you for being part of the Texas hemp freedom movement,

Jesse & Team

#### Email 5: Reorder reminder and complementary product (21-30 days after delivery)

Subject: Time to restock [Product Name]?

Preview: Your favorite product + something new to try...

Hi [First Name],

Based on your purchase of [Product Name] about a month ago, you're probably running low.

### Reorder now, arrive in 2 days:

[Product Name]

[Image]

\$[Price] or subscribe for 30% off recurring orders

[Add to Cart] or [Subscribe & Save]

## Try something complementary:

Customers who love [Product Name] often pair it with:

[Complementary Product]

Perfect for [use case]

\$[Price]

 $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$   $\Rightarrow$  4.9/5 stars (1,203 reviews)

[Add to Cart]

#### **Subscribe & Save 30%:**

Never run out again. Subscriptions include:

- $\rightarrow$  30% off every recurring order
- → Free shipping always
- → Flexible delivery schedule (adjust anytime)
- → Cancel anytime (no commitment)

[Set Up Subscription]

#### **Bundle both and save more:**

[Product Name] + [Complementary Product]

Bundle price: \$[Discounted Price] (save \$[Amount])

[Add Bundle to Cart]

Your wellness routine, automated and affordable.

Supporting your Texas freedom,

Jesse

P.S. Subscribe this week and get an additional 10% off your first subscription order with code LOYALTY10.

# Texas market positioning and messaging strategy

Position Reggie & Dro as the trusted gateway for cannabis-curious conservative Texans ages 30-60 by emphasizing freedom, prosperity, and local Texas values rather than counter-culture cannabis imagery.

# Core messaging pillars for conservative audiences

Freedom framing dominates all communications. Texas conservatives respond powerfully to libertarian "Don't Tread on Me" values and personal choice language. Use phrases like "your freedom to choose wellness on your terms," "individual choice without government interference," and "Texas rights to natural alternatives." Align with Governor Abbott's "Freedom is Bigger in Texas" campaign messaging and his June 2025 veto of the hemp ban, positioning your business as supporting his regulatory (not prohibitory) approach.

**Prosperity and economic impact provide political cover.** Texas hemp represents a \$5.5 billion annual market supporting 53,300 jobs with \$10.3 billion total economic impact. Include this data prominently:

"Supporting 53,300 Texas jobs with every purchase" or "Contributing to \$10.3 billion in Texas economic growth." Conservative audiences respect businesses that create jobs and generate tax revenue—this transforms hemp from controversial to economically essential.

**Veteran support builds instant credibility.** Partner with Texas VFW chapters following the Hometown Hero model (market leader that funded 3,000 VFW memberships). Display veteran testimonials prominently, offer veteran discounts, contribute portion of proceeds to veteran organizations, and if you or team members are veterans, make that central to your About Us story. Conservative Texans profoundly respect military service—veteran affiliation transfers that respect to your brand.

Local Texas pride differentiates from national brands. Emphasize "Made in Texas," "Texas-grown hemp," "Austin-based," "Supporting Texas hemp farmers," and use LSO (Lone Star Overnight) as your carrier to reinforce Texas identity. Create origin stories connecting to Texas agricultural heritage: "From Texas soil to your door" or "Texas craftsmanship you can trust." Display Texas flags, use Texas-themed product names, and show physical Texas operations.

Quality and transparency address skepticism. Conservative audiences are fact-based decision makers who research extensively before purchasing. Lead with lab testing ("Third-party tested every batch"), display COAs prominently, show ISO 17025 certifications, list testing lab names, explain manufacturing processes, and introduce team members with credentials. Transparency converts skeptics into advocates.

## Competitive differentiation against market leader Hometown Hero

Hometown Hero dominates Texas hemp through advocacy and political engagement—they founded the Texas Hemp Business Council and led the successful fight against SB3's total ban. Don't compete on advocacy. Instead, specialize in the cannabis-curious conservative segment they underserve.

**Your differentiation:** "Safe haven for hemp curious." Position as beginner specialists with the most extensive educational content, lowest-dose product options (2.5mg edibles vs. industry standard 5-10mg), white-glove customer service with "hemp sommeliers" available via phone/chat, and follow-up care checking on first-time users. Hometown Hero serves experienced users and advocacy-minded customers; you serve cautious first-timers who need hand-holding.

**Premium service model:** Offer consultations before purchase to recommend products based on goals, provide dosing calibration support during first weeks, follow up proactively to ensure satisfaction, create detailed usage guides for every product, and maintain high-touch customer service. Conservative first-timers will pay premium prices for this support level.

**Micro-dosing specialization:** Create the market's most comprehensive low-dose product line. Offer 2.5mg gummies (half industry standard), 0.25ml tincture doses with precise droppers, mini pre-rolls (0.5g vs. 1g standard), and "sampler packs" letting customers try multiple products at beginner doses. This addresses the #1 fear: "Will I get too high?"

## Campaign messaging for TX Takeover launch

Use these tagline options tested against conservative values research:

- "Freedom to Choose Wellness. Made in Texas." (Combines personal liberty with local pride)
- "Your Texas Right to Natural Relief" (Rights-based framing conservatives embrace)
- "Homegrown Freedom. Texas Prosperity." (TX Takeover campaign pillars explicitly)
- "Texas-Made Wellness on Your Terms" (Local + individual choice)

Core messaging paragraph for all marketing: "In Texas, we believe in your right to choose natural wellness alternatives. Our lab-tested hemp products give you the freedom to find relief your way, while supporting 53,300 Texas jobs and the veterans who served our country. Made by Texans, for Texans."

Geographic launch strategy: Start with Austin (highest adoption, most liberal regulations, largest market), then expand to Dallas (second-largest market, growing rapidly), Houston (conservative but economically driven), and San Antonio (strong veteran population). Use geo-targeted Facebook/Instagram ads and Google Ads focused on "hemp Austin," "legal THC Texas," "CBD Dallas" with landing pages customized for each city emphasizing local delivery speed via LSO.

## Trust signals prioritized for 30-60 conservative demographic

Conservative audiences ages 30-60 have specific trust requirements backed by consumer research. Implement in this priority order based on purchase influence data:

**BBB** accreditation (81.1% actively seek). Apply immediately at bbb.org for Austin/Dallas/Houston chapters. Display seal in header, footer, checkout, and About Us. Target A+ rating through excellent complaint resolution. This single credential matters more to conservative buyers than any other certification.

Customer reviews displayed prominently (82-86% purchase influence). Install Trustpilot or Yotpo immediately with goal of 100+ reviews at 4.5+ stars within 90 days. Display star ratings on product pages above fold, feature testimonials in homepage hero section, include review snippets in email campaigns, and specifically highlight Texas customer reviews with city names. Conservative buyers trust peer reviews more than brand messaging.

Live customer service visibility (2x more important to 50+ than younger demos). Display phone number in header on every page, offer live chat during business hours with real humans (not bots), show email address prominently, provide response time guarantees (under 2 hours during business hours), and include team photos with names. Older conservatives want human interaction before purchasing unfamiliar products.

**Professional website quality (first impression determines trust).** Invest in clean, professional design avoiding counter-culture aesthetics—use earth tones and muted colors, medical-style professional photography, clear typography with larger fonts for aging eyes, fast page load speeds (under 2 seconds),

and mobile optimization with thumb-friendly buttons. Conservative audiences judge businesses by digital professionalism.

**Third-party certifications visibly displayed.** Apply for LegitScript certification (required for Google ads, powerful trust signal), U.S. Hemp Authority certification (only 50+ companies have this), display ISO 17025 lab accreditations, show USDA Organic seals if applicable, and list Texas DSHS license number. Stack these certifications in footer and product pages.

**Transparent company information (who you are matters).** Create detailed About Us page with founder story emphasizing Texas roots and conservative values, show team member photos with names and roles, display physical Texas address and photos of facility/operations, explain your mission using freedom/prosperity language, and include ownership structure (family-owned, veteran-owned, Texas-owned). Conservative buyers want to know exactly who they're supporting.

# Mobile optimization priorities for 60-70% traffic

Since most traffic comes from mobile devices, optimize aggressively for thumb-friendly, fast-loading mobile experiences that convert conservative audiences with minimal friction.

**Implement slide-out cart with Ignite theme.** This native Lightspeed feature lets customers add products and manage cart without leaving the current page—critical for mobile browsing. It reduces clicks to purchase and maintains browsing momentum. Conservative audiences especially value efficient, non-disruptive shopping experiences.

**Optimize touch targets for aging fingers.** Conservative audiences skew 45-60 years old with declining fine motor control. Make all buttons minimum 44x44px touch targets (iOS standard), increase spacing between clickable elements to prevent accidental taps, place critical actions in "thumb zone" (bottom third of screen), and use large, high-contrast CTAs like "Add to Cart" buttons that dominate the viewport.

**Speed optimization targets under 2 seconds.** Use Lightspeed's mobile app for AI-powered photo enhancement and background removal to create optimized images at recommended 3,200 x 1,300px for banners. Minimize custom code, avoid heavy third-party scripts, enable browser caching, and test regularly with Google PageSpeed Insights. Every second of delay costs 7% conversion—older conservative users have less patience for slow sites.

Simplify mobile navigation ruthlessly. Use hamburger menus for categories, implement persistent header with cart icon and search bar, add breadcrumb navigation for orientation, feature search prominently (older users often search rather than browse), and create "New to Hemp?" section prominently accessible from homepage. Conservative first-timers need educational content immediately accessible without multi-tap navigation.

**Mobile-first content strategy for aging eyes.** Front-load key information in product descriptions (busy professionals skim), use 18-20px minimum body text (vs. 16px standard) for readability, increase line height to 1.6-1.8 for easier scanning, bold critical facts (THC content, lab testing, Texas legal status), and

break content into short paragraphs of 2-3 sentences maximum. Conservative audiences read thoroughly —make it effortless.

**Test on real devices weekly.** Conservative demographics use iPhone (45-60 age range skews iOS) and Samsung Galaxy devices predominantly. Test every checkout flow change on actual phones, verify forms use appropriate keyboards (numeric for phone, email for email), confirm autofill works correctly for addresses and payment, and check that confirmation pages display completely without scrolling. Simulator testing misses critical issues only visible on real devices.

# **Quick reference implementation checklist**

## **Tonight (2-4 hours, highest conversion impact)**

- Enable guest checkout: Settings  $\rightarrow$  Advanced  $\rightarrow$  REGISTRATION  $\rightarrow$  "Guest only"
- Reduce form fields: Checkout → Configuration → Hide unnecessary fields
- Activate digital wallets: Settings → Payment Providers → Enable Apple Pay/Google Pay
- Verify Ignite theme: Design  $\rightarrow$  Theme Store  $\rightarrow$  Install if not current theme
- Create trust pages: About Us, Contact, Privacy Policy under Content → Pages
- Customize thank you page: Add discount code and personal message
- Test mobile checkout: Complete full purchase on your phone

### This Week (10-15 hours, essential infrastructure)

- Contact BlueCheck: Email [email protected] for age verification setup
- Apply for BBB: Visit bbb.org, apply for Austin/Dallas/Houston chapter
- Partner with ISO 17025 lab: Contact Green Scientific Labs or ACS Laboratory for testing
- Set up high-risk merchant: Apply to AllayPay, PayDiverse, Easy Pay Direct simultaneously
- Create COA system: Build batch lookup page, generate QR codes, add "View Lab Results" buttons
- Configure LSO shipping: Establish Lone Star Overnight account for Texas deliveries
- Install review platform: Set up Trustpilot or Yotpo with goal of 100+ reviews in 90 days

#### **Technical Integration (Week 2, requires development)**

- Create API credentials: Settings  $\rightarrow$  Developers  $\rightarrow$  New API key
- Set up webhooks: Configure orders/created, quotes/updated, customers/created
- Build webhook endpoints: Implement signature verification and email triggers
- Add custom fields: Create Compliance Data field set with COA links, batch numbers, THC percentages
- Test integration: Place test orders and verify webhooks fire correctly

#### **Email Automation (Week 2-3)**

- Choose platform: Klaviyo (advanced), Omnisend (e-commerce focused), or Mailchimp (beginner-friendly)
- Build welcome series: Implement 5-email sequence with TX-specific copy
- Create cart recovery: Set up 3-email abandoned cart flow with 1hr/24hr/72hr timing
- Launch post-purchase: Implement 5-email nurture sequence for repeat purchases
- Set up segmentation: New vs returning, purchasers vs non-purchasers, age-verified status

## Marketing Launch (Week 3-4)

- Finalize messaging: Implement "Freedom, Prosperity, Local" positioning across site
- Create beginner products: Launch low-dose (2.5mg) gummies, starter bundles, samplers
- Launch geo-targeted ads: Start with Austin Google Ads for "hemp Austin," "legal THC Texas"
- Partner locally: Contact Texas VFW chapters, Austin Chamber of Commerce, Texas Hemp Business
   Council
- Start content marketing: Publish educational blog posts addressing legality, safety, dosing

# Key performance targets for 90 days

#### **Trust metrics:**

- BBB A+ rating (once accredited)
- 100+ reviews at 4.5+ stars average
- Under 2-hour customer service response time
- Under 5% return rate

#### **Conversion metrics:**

- 2-3% website conversion rate (vs. 10% industry best practice—you'll improve)
- Under 70% cart abandonment (vs. 57% CBD industry average)
- Over 25% email open rate
- Over 30% first-time to repeat customer conversion

#### **Business metrics:**

- \$75-100 average order value
- Over 70% Texas sales concentration (TX Takeover focus)
- Net Promoter Score over 50
- Email driving 15-20% of total revenue by Month 3

The Texas hemp market represents \$5.5 billion in annual revenue growing 30% yearly, with cannabiscurious conservatives ages 30-60 as the highest-value, most underserved segment. Your abandoned cart

emails already prove conversion tracking works—now build the complete trust infrastructure (BBB, BlueCheck, COAs, reviews) and email automation sequences (welcome, cart recovery, post-purchase) that turn skeptical first-time visitors into loyal repeat customers. Focus tonight on checkout optimization and mobile experience, this week on compliance infrastructure and payment processing, and this month on establishing Texas market dominance through veteran partnerships and local credibility before competitors recognize the cannabis-curious conservative opportunity.