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Hello. My name is Nick Reinecker. I am here with my two children and we are from Inman Kansas. Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for letting me speak today on this most important issue. I have given you some history on hemp as well as an article regarding the federal government's patent on cannabis preparations and some additional information you may feel is pertinent.

We all have an endocannabinoid system in our bodies and in that context I believe the access to cannabis is an inalienable right. In regards to substances that chemically cross the blood brain barrier, whether it be the coffee bean, with caffeine, the cocoa bean; for chocolate or the cannabis plant with CBG's, THC's, CBN's or CBD's, these substances, at their fundamental levels are all psycho-active foods. It is immoral and unconstitutional, in my opinion, to deny the citizens of Kansas the option of cannabis as a food source, a fuel source, a fiber source and for this committee, non-FDA evaluated uses. I am here today to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves and feel their only options are pills and/or surgery attached with unwelcome side effects and usually enslaving them to an endless monthly payment plan that follows. These parents before you today are out of options, period, and they are willing to do whatever it takes, up to and including moving to another state for simple basic access to a seed-bearing herb. It is my request that each of you research this issue beyond the fear-mongering known as reefer madness and be an informed lawmaker when dealing with a commodity that was used to make some of the first drafts of the Declaration of Independence, our American flags and is currently used in foods, clothing, lotions etc that are imported into this country. We live in Kansas, our state seal says it all. We are agriculture. This plant represents an untapped economic market and individual liberty to grow a garden and eat it too. A far cry from the "Stockholm-Syndrome" like brainwashing that says this plant is the catalyst for all the evil in the world. All of us know why we do this or that and if our thoughts, words and deeds are for profit and control, we know, you know and I know.

I have been a Police Officer and would have rather arrested a parent for giving their children refined sugar or letting them watch Family Guy on the television than use force on individuals or families that are self-reliant and growing their own food. As a former EMT/Firefighter it is sickening to see citizen/patient medicine cabinets full of colored bottles containing synthetic substances, sometimes derived from whole plants, while those same individuals sometimes struggle to buy groceries. As a current restaurant operator, I am legally allowed to use a myriad of laboratory made food additives such as monosodium glutamate, a rainbow of color dyes and of course parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme but to use hemp I have to buy products from other countries and am considered a criminal if I produce it

myself binding my liberty to be a producer. For those who wish to use "Charlottes Web" hemp oil for epileptic seiures this is a good bill, however, be aware this issue is only going to get bigger and understand that it is my personal mission to educate not only the masses but each individual Representative and Senator in the state of Kansas until such time this oppression is stopped or I have been dealt with through other means. We have thought about the future and this is us talking. Give us liberty or give us death. The choice is yours. God Bless each of you and your families. Thank You.