

Patient Testimony/SB9 Proponent

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Good afternoon,

My name is Kelly Patton. I have worked in the medical field as a registered radiographer, mammographer and breast ultrasound technician. I am not a physician but I have over 20 years of experience in the field of medicine of multiple degrees. I can convey my medical knowledge of my personal health and my own body's response to each cannabinoid and how it pertains to the response of the endocannabinoid system we as humans are comprised of. I will expound on the side effects of two common pharmaceutical drugs used to treat my disease and illustrate to each of you how the documented, peer review tested and United States government patented use of cannabis can aid in the reversal of and provide neuroprotection to my hepatic system I have sustained from the chronic overuse of these prescription drugs.

(Refer to exhibit A) The drug Cimizia, used alone or in combination with other medication can be very effective at reducing signs and symptoms for various autoimmune disorders. (Refer to page 2) You will find the possible side effects of this drug located at the bottom of the page and continued on the next page, as these side effects are too numerous to list verbally at this time (feel free to read these on your own time).

(Refer to exhibit B) Another common drug used by thousands to treat chronic pain is Hydrocodone. The side effects and symptoms of overdose are listed on the first 3 pages. Page 4 goes into detail on hepatotoxicity, an adverse effect that can be sometimes sustained to the hepatic system as a result of chronic overuse of this drug.

So what does an individual such as me, at the ripe old age of 40, do in terms of reducing continued harm to the only liver I have? All while continuing to try and reduce pain so that I may stay a productive member of society and try to regain proper liver function? You research, become your own health advocate and stumble upon a compound that can prove effective in every way—CANNABIS! Only it is illegal in the state of Kansas.

(Refer to exhibit C) This diagram demonstrates various pharmacological actions of cannabinoids found within the cannabis plant and illustrates its benefits as a preventative medicine. The human body is made up of an endocannabinoid system with cannabinoid receptors CB1 and CB2, two G protein-coupled receptors that are located in the central and peripheral nervous systems.

(Refer to exhibit D) This document is a peer reviewed study performed in Jerusalem, the leader in pharmacological cannabis study. I have presented this to you as verification that cannabinoid receptors

have been scientifically proven to have a neuroprotectant response to cannabis. Therefore, they are effective in cell protection.

(Refer to exhibit E) Lastly, I present a copy of the United States Patent No. 6630507 as further support that this information I have just presented to you is credible and valid, as our own government owns the patent on cannabinoids as antioxidants and neuroprotectants.

The documents I have presented will correspond to validate my peer's testimonies, that cannabis and the entirety of its compounds assists in multiple symptomatology.

Thank you.

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