

Patient Testimony/SB9 Proponent

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Dear Legislators, Decision Makers, and anyone willing to hear me,

I am a 27 year old mother of two from Mission, Kansas. I'm college educated. I work full time and I care for my children. I use to be a fun parent and a joy to be around. I loved life! Today, I still love life but it is just a little harder to live.

My list of medical problems includes Myofascial Pain Syndrome, Fibromyalgia, PCOS, Cervical Dysplasia, Pelvic Floor Pain Dysfunction and severe Sciatica. That list still hasn't given reason for some of my most troubling symptoms, such as the severe muscle spasms, loss of limb use, and intermittent loss of my eyesight. I have been to every kind of doctor. I have tried a myriad of pain medications and muscle relaxers, anti-depressants, medications for spasms, and even surgeries for the dysplasia. Yet, I am only getting worse

I want to be able to work with my doctor to find a treatment plan that allows me to enjoy my life again, without all of the nasty side effects I have experienced over the years from the regimen of pharmaceutical treatments I have been prescribed. Those options should include medical cannabis as a less toxic, less lethal treatment for my diseases.

Medicinal cannabis affords me the chance to be pain free, to no longer have spasms, and to have my life back. Cannabis can reduce symptoms of many diseases and health problems. It fights cancer, prevents seizures, reduces pain and muscle spasms. Studies suggest it may also be used to treat psychiatric conditions such as anxiety disorders, depression, and PTSD. It could have saved my mother who lost her battle to esophageal cancer. It could save thousands of patients fighting cancer now.

I do not want much in this world. I want my children to be happy. I want to be able to play with them. I don't want to worry that I might drop my 3 year old if I pick her up. I want to laugh, to enjoy life's little moments and the big ones too! I want to be a happy parent for my children and not have them see me suffer.

No person deserves to suffer needlessly; to die for no reason or to live a life full of so much pain they often feel death would be better. The possibilities of cannabis are far reaching. It is not sensible for a natural treatment to be denied people whose lives could be so greatly impacted. People are dying, CHILDREN are dying and if there is even a fraction of a chance to save these young lives then we all have a responsibility to do so.

Please consider the positive impacts this treatment could have for children and adult patient alike. Do not deny us the ability to enjoy life to its fullest. Our government should not have the right to deny us better health, happiness and a chance at a better quality of life.

Thank you.

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