

Hi, My name is Brent Boman. My wife and I own and operate a USDA certified organic produce farm just North of Topeka. Our farming journey began in 2012, after seeing first-hand the benefit of organic baby food in our son. He was diagnosed with gerds at 5 months old and painfully cried day and night till he was 18 months old. Within 2 weeks of eating organic baby food, he was no longer in pain. I never in a million years would have thought I would be an organic farmer. However, It has become our mission to deliver healthy organic produce to our community, ever since we saw the change it made in our own lives. I see medicinal hemp providing the same relief to families in Kansas whom are searching for an effective, safe treatment option for their loved ones' ailments.

I believe that bill 2152, proposed by Representative Wilson, will have great impact on our Kansas communities. It has been proven now time and time again in other states that medicinal hemp improves the quality of life, and provides hope for families suffering from chronic and painful diseases. The evidence of the effectiveness of medicinal hemp is now overwhelming. In addition, it has been seen that there is a great economic benefit through increased state tax revenue in all the states that have passed similar bills to Mr. Wilson's. Not to mention a very large increase of employment activity by the industry. According to the Colorado Department of Revenue, Colorado generated close to a million dollars in tax revenue from the sale of medicinal hemp in December of 2016. This state has appropriated 20.5 million dollars of hemp tax revenue to educational expenditures for the 2017-2018 school year. Kansan's deserve the choice to benefit from the sustainable and natural treatment options provided by medicinal hemp. Our State deserves to benefit from the inflow of substantial tax revenue and increased employment. Therefore, I am in support of representative Wilson's bill 2152, and hope that you are too. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brent Boman