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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 155

TO: CHAIRMAN LaTURNER; VICE-CHAIR ESTES; RANKING MEMBER FAUST-GOUDEAU & MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Thank you for hearing testimony on SB 155: a Bill enacting the Cannabis Compassion and Care Act.

I will be brief because:

A) more learned Proponents and Neutral conferees are now prepared and lined up to speak in the limited time available to merits of this obviously growing, evolving national right to access marijuana;

B) information on public acceptance of and statistics supporting this non-habitual, non-lethal alternative to dangerous pharmaceutical chemicals for an array of maladies is documented from over 29 States; and

C) the economic revenue from regulated and taxed marijuana will be a major boon to our S.G.F. deficit.

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, as these and other points are driven home by the ensuing conferees, I ask you PLEASE, sir, to examine the FACTS and to recognize the TRENDS and BELIEFS of an even larger constituency who assert that natural marijuana is safely used as medicine all over the world.

I ask that you respect the time and energy of the Proponents, Neutral and Opponents and bring SB 155 to a Committee VOTE. The people of Kansas deserve to know where the Kansas Senate stands on this issue, in particular; which clear and accurate polling indicates clear favor towards.

At the appropriate time now or after this hearing, I would be pleased to stand for questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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