

Dear Legislators,

My name is Amelia Schwab. My husband and I are medical cannabis patients in the state of Colorado. We moved to Kansas for my husband's job at the VA a few years back. He is a veteran with PTSD. He was using pharmaceutical drugs when we were living in KS to treat his symptoms of PTSD. The side effects of these pharma drugs were unbearable and only aggravated his symptoms. CBD alone does not work for any of his symptoms. I myself severely suffer from many symptoms that include tremors, nerve pain, twitches, polyneuropathy, muscle problems, congenital hip dysplasia, spinal stenosis, and many other symptoms that need treatment. I am allergic to all narcotics and most pain pills and other drugs. I suffer from symptoms from a neurological condition that I cannot treat with pharma drugs. In using whole plant cannabis therapy, I can ease some of my distressing symptoms while other symptoms vanish. I have tried cbd only and it does not work for most all of my symptoms. We ended up deciding to move back to Colorado to a state that is legal for cannabis to access safe medicine. We are considered medical refugees in the state of Colorado. The families that cannot afford to move are being incarcerated for it or they are at risk for being incarcerated for using nature's plant. The government even admits the truth of it being a medicine as I am sure you are aware of the patent the government holds on it. There are many families that are moving out of the state to access this medicine legally and I am one of those patients. Kansas residents have MANY medical patients that not only want access to SAFE and natural cannabis as medicine, they want it legalized. The laws right now that prohibit cannabis use are harming our families. They are criminalizing mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, filling our jails, using tax payer money to criminalize medical patients and citizens of the state of Kansas. It is not only sad but it is an outrage! Children are being taken from loving families because of a plant that helps people without the side effects of pharmaceuticals. Loving parents who want to help their children or themselves without the possibility of death; are being arrested only to have more struggles created for them by the State of Kansas. CBD alone is not enough for most ailments. The revenue created in Kansas by legalizing cannabis from the cannabis industry would get Kansas out of debt to keep schools open and better the communities.

Sincerely,

Amelia Schwab

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