

In 2012, my 11 month old son, Gabriel, started having seizures. They were a result of the brain injury he sustained while his birth mother endured physical abuse during her 29-week pregnancy. Six different dangerous pharmaceutical drugs and an extremely restrictive diet failed to control the 10-15 seizures and untold chaos that wracked my only son's brain every day. After hours and hours of reading, months of talking to other affected families, and after 3 years of begging legislators to hear our pleas, we were given an affirmative defense law here in Alabama that enabled us to try low THC CBD oil for Gabriel (Leni's Law). He has spent 16 of the last 30 days completely free of seizures. Translated, that means approximately 4,500 FEWER seizures in a year's time.

In November 2018, Gabriel's baby sister Amelia, who we added to our family in April 2016, started having seizures due to her brain abnormality. This time we went straight to low THC CBD oil to treat her and beat back the 10 seizures a day she was having to a current average of 2/day. As treatment has only just begun, we expect that this number will continue to decrease.

We are only one of thousands of stories from families crippled by seizures, plagued with devastating neurological disorders such as Parkinson's or Alzheimer's, fighting Crohn's disease, or trying to break through the barrier of Autism that cannabis medicine has rewritten. Those chained inside a prison of opioids and benzodiazepines have been given a gateway to freedom from harmful addictions. Quality of life is dramatically improved, families are spared unimaginable heartache, and human lives are literally saved because of a plant which the government of the United States wants us to believe has no value as a medicine, yet holds a patent ~Number 6630507~ stating the exact opposite.

There is no longer any excuse. We must not make criminals of these children, their parents and loved ones who have no other choice but to use cannabis illegally or watch someone they love, quite possibly their own child, suffer and die simply because of their zip code.

Cannabis laws MUST be reformed both in Kansas and in the United States

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