



Dear Legislators,

I am writing you to discuss Claire and Lola's law, a bill that would allow CBD oil with 5% THC to be brought across the Kansas state line and given to a minor with a physician's approval. I believe this would benefit many children in the state of Kansas. My son, Tyler Walker, is a 12-year-old boy who attends Derby North Middle School. He was diagnosed with Schizencephaly (rare brain malformation), Cerebral Palsy (Spastic quadriplegia) and is 100% dependent on our care.

Medicine has been a huge part of his life and in many ways, it has made his life harder. In our house, we use the term “band aids” for covering up a big problem with medications that have side effects. Tyler deals with a lot of pain due to his Cerebral Palsy, and it takes a toll on his fragile body. During car rides, Tyler has pains in his hips and back. When we need to take long trips, his physician will prescribe him Hydrocodone to help his pain. Tyler has a hard time handling pain killers. Hydrocodone has many side effects such as dizziness, drowsiness, and constipation. The bad part about side effects for any of his medications is that the doctors will just prescribe more unhelpful medication to mask the issues from the original prescription. Tyler has also recently started having seizures. He will be diagnosed and treated with more medications. CBD oil with THC would also help him with this issue.

Fortunately, many parents in other legal states have shared testimonies about their children using CBD oil with low THC. The stories share truth and hope for a healthier and brighter future for kids like Tyler. These kids are seizure free, managing their pain without opioids and are receiving more benefits with minimal side effects. Unlike the countless number of medications we are prescribed each year. Tyler thrives the most when he is active in the community, going to church and hanging out with friends. He does not enjoy being cooped up in the house. But many days this is necessary because he is so uncomfortable. Being allowed to take CBD oil with low THC would drastically improve Tyler's comfort. This is very important because he will be able to work harder in Physical Therapy, learn better in school, and it will improve his overall quality of life. It is a lot safer to take CBD oil with low THC vs. taking one medication and two to four band aids to fix one issue. It is important to practice preventative care and not reactive care.

Sincerely,

Kirstie Monsivais

