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- SB560- Interim Committee Meeting to Discuss the Passage of Medical Marijuana Legislation in Kansas

Disposition: Proponent, Opponent, or Neutral:

- Proponent

State one of the following- ORAL in-person testimony, ORAL virtual testimony, WRITTEN-ONLY Testimony:

- ORAL in-person testimony

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Name of interest represented (self or name of organization):

- KannaCorp

Ladies and Gentlemen, My name is Brett Harris from Wichita Ks. I am a business owner, a single dad who's raised two teen daughters since they were 2 & 5. And I'm the kid of a police officer. My father was with the Seattle Police force for 22 years. Any other cop kids in the room? As a kid I can remember the sound of the Seattle Police white Harley hit the end of my driveway. It's a special thing to be a son of a police officer.

If any of you have been in the Wichita media TV and radio, you'll might remember my 24 year run on air. In 1989 my boss and I purchased two radio stations from senator Nancy Kassembaum. I hired the staff and started the Brett & Tracy Morning show on B98. A remarkable run when radio was valid. Also I spent 15 years on air at KWCH TV with the afternoon Brett and Sierra show.

From broadcast, to commercial broker. If you can communicate you can real estate.

Fast forward to today, where I'm the national real estate site finder for the 550 CBD store chain. Your CBD Store. For 4 years now, new franchisees have asked me to locate and negotiate prime retail space for there CBD Store. In 36 months, 62 leases in 41 states later.

My three Wichita boutique and bougie stores are called KannaBliss. Upper end CBD stores in premium centers. My sales staff is already on the front line daily, hearing from Kansans that are not right. That are no Here's some of the check-out counter comments and questions this last month.

My medication isn't working anymore.

My medication side effects make me not function.

I've tried everything and now haven't slept in 3 days.

I right after another of people tired of big pharma or simply looking for anything that might help.

As a multi store owner in Wichita, I couldn't grasp why my franchise chain was stocking all stores including mine with industrial hemp & CBD from the state of Oregon.

So, my mission was to locate the absolute premier hemp farms in the state of Kansas, who could possibly stock my stores with their own compliant, premium products.

Let me introduce you to the 4 Kansas farms we partner, promote and stock- not only their product. But we share and promote proudly that farm's legacy to every customer.

Farm #1 is Green Acers from Scott City Kansas. I used to think the best thing born in Scott City was my former Shocker Ron Baker. Not any more. Green Acers is a 5th generation farm, that today is thriving. And for the first time in decades making a profit by way of industrial hemp.

Farm #2 is Prairie Hills Farm. Mark Albers is a Kansas veteran who's passionate about hemp farming, and we've had his products in our 3 Wichita stores for two years.

My 3rd partnered Kansas farm is Butler Hemp from Sedgwick county Kansas. A high tech, state of the art grow and processing facility in south Wichita.

CBD and hemp products from Kansas farm #4 just arrived in store last week. And it's the farm that excites me the most because of the name attached to it. For 25 years I've known Sheldon and Kathy Coleman. Great friends. But when you have the family asking if you'd carry their products. And that family is the iconic name behind the Coleman company in Wichita.

I'm here to report. I now have an expanding customer base in my 3 stores, that very much appreciate our stores giving them a chance to support the Kansas farmer. A select few of our customers even say they won't purchase their CBD products anywhere else.

The takeaway about our current farmer partnerships? Our state already has retail stores, farms and hemp processors that are compliant, employing Kansans. And communicating and educating how this Kansas grown product just might make things better.

Today I ask you to look at cannabis legalization from the eyes of the Kansas farmer. Industrial hemp has been the financial boost they've needed to keep the lights on for my 4 partnering farms. To keep food on the table. Let's grow that.