

Testimony of Wendy Turner....

In 2011, my son was diagnosed with severe, debilitating Crohn's disease. In 2013, after failing westernized medicines, I googled "marijuana for Crohn's Disease" and found a study from Israel that gave me all the courage in the world to move my son to Colorado to try cannabis. In October of 2014, my son's colonoscopy results shocked the world. He was in complete remission, with "no active Crohn's Disease" using cannabis alone. Life was a miracle! My family was elated by the news!

But there were caveats. My son, Coltyn, was a medical prisoner in the state of Colorado. We are from Illinois, so that meant he could never come home with the medication he was on. That meant if he wanted to go hunting with his Grandfather at our family hunting lodge, he'd have to leave his medication in Colorado. But the scariest thing about that is that we were poor, flying was out reach for a family of 5, We had to drive. We had to drive through Kansas. We left his medication in Colorado to go to funerals, weddings, to see family and friends and by the weeks end, Coltyn was in a flare. As soon as we got back to Colorado he was in the hospital. So you can imagine how upset we have been with the state of Kansas because of your stance on cannabis. We have a picture of Coltyn at the Colorado state line with the caption "Patient" and another at the Kansas state line with the caption "Criminal".

We are not only upset for Coltyn, but for every person in the state of Kansas who is suffering with illnesses relieved by cannabis, for every veteran with PTSD, for every person incarcerated for non-violent cannabis charges. These injustices must stop. Kansas must pass reasonable, regulated, accessible cannabis legislation. We cannot continue to stand idly by as other states allow their constituents to treat their ailments with cannabis while the people of Kansas continue to suffer.

You have the power to put Kansas first in hemp production and textiles, research and development, expungement, and decriminalization. As a mom of a sick child, as a wife of a veteran, a pet owner, and an advocate for the people, I implore you to make fair cannabis legislation a priority, stop the MSO's from taking over your state, and lead the way in research of cannabis therapies.

**Thank you for your time,
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