



Hello!

My name is Carrie McKinzie and I'm a 35 year old mother of three, wife, Church lady, and sign language interpreter.

About three years ago, I was diagnosed with Chiari Malformation and had brain surgery. One of the (many) ongoing struggles I have is debilitating headaches typically diagnosed as migraines.

To give you an example of how severe my headaches are, in December I spent 16 days and nights in Wesley Hospital in Wichita with a headache they couldn't get a hold on. Actually as I write this today (Feb 12) I'm

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writing from my hospital bed at Wesley suffering from another headache that does not have the ability to be managed by any drug or therapy my doctors have access to. I understand that the idea of giving access to medical cannabis is divisive. HB 2244 has been crafted carefully to provide assurances that this isn't about giving free access to just anyone.

My family needs me to be able to function. When I'm suffering from this pain, there are days and weeks at a time when I'm absolutely useless and unable to do anything. I haven't been able to be fully employed in several years.



Surgery Day!



*Charlie (7), Catriona (9) and Cambria (11)
The three who need me most!*

I am desperate to find anything which could help me be the Mother, Wife and citizen which I feel called to be. As modern medicine has failed to offer a solution which can help me at this time, I beg you to consider passing "Claire & Lola's Law" to give my family a chance to thrive again. Please pass this or ANY law which would give people like me access to try this treatment and attempt to reclaim my life.