

**Testimony in support of:
House Bill No. 2184
Creating the Kansas medical marijuana regulation act.**

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Dear members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

My name is Laura Adkins and I live in rural Sedgwick County.

I am testifying in support of HB 2148 with changes. I will individually email you changes I personally would like to see. I support medical marijuana because I see veterans suffering on a daily basis. They need SAFE access to medical marijuana because they have already put their lives on the line for our country and should not have to do so to get relief from their life altering symptoms from their service. Numerous veterans have failed all medications. Their PTSD and TBI's go untreated everyday. The doctors at the VA often tell their patients about patients they have treated in other states where medical marijuana is legal and how they have effectively received relief from their symptoms. This leaves the veterans wanting to create their own relief. They put themselves in dangerous situations to get that relief. Some of these veterans have told me gruesome stories of being beaten, robbed and held at gunpoint just trying to get the medication the doctors at the VA told them would help. This puts them and the public at great danger. They come to me to tell their stories knowing I will tell you in hopes you will listen, not just hear.

I urge you to support HB 2148 with changes so that the veterans in this state can have safe and legal access to medication that will give them the quality of life they fought for you to have and they deserve as well.