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- 10/19/2022

Bill Number & Topic Title:

- 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):

- Kansas Cannabis Chamber of Commerce (KCCC)

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

My name is Daniel Shafton, I am the vice president and executive director of the Kansas Cannabis Chamber of Commerce (KCCC), and I am writing as a proponent for SB 560 in support of the passage of medical marijuana in Kansas. First and foremost, I would like to thank the Chairman and each member of this committee for taking the time to become educated on this issue and for introducing legislation that will allow for strong patient outcomes and a robust industry that will bring new jobs and revenue to the state. I would also like to thank Debbie Beavers Director of ABC for her proactive work and dedication to making this a successful program. In fact, ALL department staff and members of law enforcement that spoke last week deserve recognition and praise for coming to the committee in good faith and laying out the specific concerns and needs of their respective departments. It does not matter what the industry stakeholders and patients want if the departments rolling out and enforcing this legislation don't have the tools they need to be successful. As the voice for the largest industry association for the state, our members and the executive team have

requested that I make clear our number one goal today is to provide solutions and research in response to last week's testimony in a genuine effort to create a bill that all departments, patient's, and industry leaders can feel good about.

My verbal testimony will address point-by-point the concerns and requests for data that came out of the interim committee meeting last week (October 12th). All solutions, research, and data I will provide can be accompanied by a longer form, more detailed write-up, as well as links and attachments to my sources. If you'd rather not wait for an answer or further explanation, I encourage you to join us for drinks and appetizers at the Pennant to follow the event. At the reception, most of the key speakers will be in attendance and are eager to share even more.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for your time, hard work, and commitment to good legislation. I will remain available for questions throughout the committee meeting and will be available within the walls of the capitol building for further questions, demonstrations, and general assistance for the remainder of the day, as well as at the cocktail reception to follow. Additionally, I can make myself available for in-person and virtual meetings at a moment's notice. Whether that be today or next year, please know my number one priority, and the number one priority of the chamber is to provide as much information and resources as needed.

Godspeed,

-Daniel Shafton