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Oral In- Person Proponent Testimony for SB 158 and SB 560
Medical Marijuana Regulation Act

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Goodmorning, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Senate
Federal and State Affairs Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to give my oral testimony in support
of SB 158 and Sb 560.

I am enclosing pictures of my health issues that started in 1975,
when I was a passenger in a vehicle involved in an accident that
left me with a broken back and severe spinal cord injuries, this
is when I was introduced to and became addicted to pain
medications which never helped my pain, I discovered that
smoking marijuana, relaxed me to where I could lay down
without my legs bothering me.

The bill being proposed is that it should not be smoked, I
believe that is a personal matter between yourself and your
doctor just like any other medical issue, in my opinion the
potency of THC should be prescribed by a doctor not a law
enforcement officer.

I also believe that if you have a medical card for THC, it should be listed on your driver's license and your tag for the enforcement officer to see at that time, I also believe all packaging should be made child proof for the safety of everyone.

Another thing of importance I would like to mention is the price, if the price is higher at the pharmacy than what it sells for on the street or the black market, then people will go to the streets to buy it. I can drive 60 miles into Missouri to legally smoke marijuana with a medical card, Kansas should be the same way.

The President and Vice President, both said no one should be in jail for smoking a joint. This might become legal at the federal level before Kansas gets anything done.

Thank You for Your Time

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