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Thank you for allowing me to present testimony on this bill. I am neutral to the changes being made to the cannabis/industrial hemp commercial program. My testimony is related to individual freedom and the reserved powers of the state of Kansas. I am a private citizen, not a state employee, not a member of any cannabis related board, commission, coalition, etc. This testimony is about me, as an individual not engaged in commerce, to be able to possess, cultivate, utilize and/or consume cannabis/industrial hemp. A taxpayer of the state of Kansas should not have to be fingerprinted or background checked to do these activities in the furtherance of self-reliance, quality control and natural rights.

The rub to this conversation is not even about the level of cannabinoids in the cannabis being discussed it is the fact that cannabidiol oil can be synthetically changed to tetrahydrocannabinol through isomerization using certain acids. This synthetic cannabinoid is what is in most of the products being sold currently at the hundreds of cannabis/cannabis product dispensaries/retail outlets currently in Kansas. These products, now chemically altered, could affect the liver differently than the natural cannabinoids and is then added to other synthetic colors, sugars, and "flavorings" for marketing.

Those of us who just want government in a limited capacity, the prohibition (in whatever form), that criminalizes and/or over-regulates cannabis/industrial hemp is wanting. Instead of this failed policy of federal supremacy of a power not delegated, but reserved to the states, I encourage this body to eliminate all barriers of access to this plant, for all Kansans.

Thank you
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