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## Requesting SB 414 Amendments

Dear Chair Owens, Vice Chair Smith, and distinguished members of the Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee:

My name is Cheryl Kumberg and I am a cannabis advocate, and founding board member of the Planted Association of Kansas. I also sit on other cannabis related boards. I am writing to you today to oppose some of the language in SB 414 and request an amendment. I urge you to remove the italicized text on p. 3, lines 32-36:

(e) In any prosecution under this section, there shall be a rebuttable presumption of an intent to distribute if any person possesses the following quantities of controlled substances or analogs thereof:

(1) 450 grams or more of material *containing any quantity of marijuana*;

As proposed, leaving this change would treat individuals who find relief from hemp-derived products with tiny amounts of THC as felons. Using federally legal CBD products should not come with a felon penalty that will also waste law enforcement time as well as court time. I agree the state must do something about the fentanyl crisis but tagging on anything cannabis related to fentanyl use is not the way to do it.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. Kansas farmers grow hemp-based products. They are then sold by small and large town merchants across the state to consumers. We can ill afford to put all these people out of business because of an oversight in this bill. Stopping unintended consequences is easily done at this point. I trust you will protect your constituents' right to use, grow and manufacture safe, simple plant-based products by removing that language.

Respectfully,



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