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Chairman Thompson, Senator Longbine, Senator Faust Goudeau and Committee Members

Thank you for allowing this opportunity to present testimony on the proposed legislation to legalize "medical cannabis". My name is Cornell Beard, Director, and President of the (IAM) International Association of Machinists District 70 I am responsible for over 20 thousand hourly employees of the IAM.

The reason I am here today is to express my concerns with opening the flood gates to medical marijuana with no fences in place to protect the workers and the companies that employ them in Kansas.

Yes, I said the companies as well as employees. As one of the union leaders of Kansas it is my responsibility to protect the interest of both entities.

If we don't have regulations and a true study, we are risking the very citizens and companies we are supposed to represent and protect.

Surely, we have learned from our surrounding states that allowing MSO's (Multi State Operator) to come into our state and repeat their only agenda which is MONEY!

MSOs in EVERY state that has allowed them in, they have left a wake of confusion and dishonesty in their operations of business.

What I must speak on is the responsibility of us to make sure we have ways of testing for THC other than just a positive and negative, we must have certified studies on the benefits and the strains necessary to treat specific elements.

We are Kansas my state, I want us to be the leaders of how this should've been done and how the other MSO run states should change to. Thanks for your time today. God Bless you all and God Bless Kansas.

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