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I write today in full support of HB 2330. I witnessed my oldest brother, a SFC in the Army, die a slow, painful, traumatic death from alcohol. He served two tours of duty in Iraq, and was in the most deadly of war zones. As a SCF, my brother had to take care of everything - that meant he even cleaned up the aftermath of one of his own soldier's suicide. He came home a different person. He was diagnosed with PTSD, and spent years in and out of treatment. He sought many treatments and he always wanted to try medical cannabis, but due to Veteran's Administration regulations, he didn't want to do anything illegal. Instead, he sought something that could take away his pain, anxiety, fear and flashbacks by finding something legal and available within a walk's distance - alcohol. We did everything we could for him, but the pain of the war was stronger than his desire to stop drinking. He was found dead in his home on Oct. 11, 2011. He was only 43 and left behind two sons. IF he would have been allowed medical cannabis, which has been proven to help PTSD symptoms, he may be alive today. He was a hero to our county, a man that served 21 years, served in the Persian Gulf War as well as Operation Iraqi Freedom. Please get this bill passed - for the heroes that deserve a chance. I wish my brother still had a chance.

Sincerely,
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