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Dear Chairman Sloan and members of the committee,

We are sorry that we cannot be at the hearing today, but we wanted to contribute a brief statement.

Jay, is a Radiation Oncologist working in Kansas. His practice covers many of the eastern Kansas hospitals. He has been treating people with various cancers for 32 years. Cure is always the goal. Survival has improved for many over the past years. We speak often about problems for many patients with anorexia and nausea. People are able to survive and benefit from treatment but many die from constitutional decline, from lack of eating, from opportunistic infection, all related to the inability to consume food. The doctors have several tools. Some work for some people. Most work a bit. But the CBD oils and the inhaled, not burned, medical cannabis (non-intoxicating oils) are the most effective that have been determined to date. Many very ill people could benefit from access to this. Many loved ones could live longer. Kansas has a chance to be a leader in development of medical cannabis, if we can determine a system that keeps professional checks and balances in place and eliminates the hazards of recreational use. We are watching major pharmaceutical companies around the world develop medication delivery devices for this. In some places these are already available. Neither Jay nor I are agriculture or water experts, but we would encourage you to look closely at ways that these medications could be made available to Kansans with terrible diseases.

Thank you for your consideration,

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