

Hello my name is David Auble . I live in Paradise ,Kansas . I am a veteran and i am disabled although not from my service and I have Cancer for the second time. I am out of options in the state of Kansas . I can not do any more radiation and would not if I could ., so my options are experimental chemo or surgery neither of which are acceptable to me as i have seen where that leads so ask you for another option.

I am here to support medical cannabis but can not support this bill as it is written as is has some severe problems with its language .

To start with as a veteran i am offended that this bill uses us like it does. Veterans like myself served not only to protect our nation but to uphold its ideals. One of these Ideals is that the law treats us all equally . It makes no sense to put a Veteran first when there are non veterans with terminal illnesses and children with seizure disorders. If anyone goes first it should be the most vulnerable among us .To place us ahead of them is repugnant to everything a Veteran or any decent human being holds dear and quite frankly lacks any form of compassion. No Veteran worth his salt would ever stand for this .

Secondly is the matter of the two year relation ship with a doctor, again the lack of compassion here is astounding. there are many reasons that a doctor may not recommend cannabis one of which is their relations hip with a hospital that they serve with if the hospital does not approve of the use it could affect the doctors practice and thus force the doctor not to recommend which in turn would force the patient to seek another. As someone with chronic pain and cancer do you really think i can afford to wait 2 years for treatment if my doctor for what ever reason will not recommend ? This bill lacks compassion and was not written with the patients needs in mind at all. These are just 2 examples out of many how this bill is flawed.

I have been coming to hearings here since 2014 and every year our pleas for compassion and mercy have fallen on deaf ears or have been out right ignored . I hope and pray this year is different and we find truly compassionate people holding this hearing .I have watched as our pleas for mercy have been ignored by past committees while children and patients have suffered needlessly . I have watched as Families had to split to take a child with seizures out of state and cried that they had to suffer the trip and the separation. One child traveled by Train out of state and his seizures got so bad his mother had to take him off the train and had to be rescued by activists. He is now almost a year seizure free on cannabis with THC where pharmaceuticals did almost nothing to help him. It disgusts me how little compassion patients have been shown in this state the last few years . I hope and pray this years Legislature is different.

For the last 10 years i have been put through hell , lied to about my treatment and have had my body abused from standard treatment. Radiation and chemo almost killed me and i still suffer from them and it gets worse with every year that passes. This is no longer a route i can take and would not if i could . My only choices in Kansas at this time is experimental chemo or surgery. And from watching others in my family go through it i find this is not an acceptable option . So today I am hear to beg you for my life , I am hear to beg you for compassion and I am hear to beg you to Allow me to face this threat to my life on my own terms. Please get with representative Cindy Holcher to amend the language

of this bill to something that is more compassionate for the patients .

Thank you for your time and please don't put us off again this year some of us are out of time.