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 - Proponent
- WRITTEN-ONLY Testimony
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To whom it may concern:

My name is chris Martin. I am originally from Topeka Kansas, and actually lived across the state as a ward of the state with SRS as a Child in Need of Care.

Early on I was diagnosed with Crohns and stomach issues but treatment was impossible. Being a ward of the state I am familiar with the state and how strict the rules are with cannabis.

In 1994 I moved to Arizona to attend college. I thought that being out west would be a little safer with using cannabis as medicine. I was arrested for cannabis possession my freshman year and was sentenced to three years for being caught in a drug free school zone.

Since then we have helped advocate for our medical and now rec program in Arizona. Started a non profit helping incarcerated persons come home and help their children. Launched a book and documentary telling our story.

We have built amazing business' both in the Hemp and Cannabis space supplying organic healthy infused products for humans and pets locally and now nationally.

We have successfully worked with Kelly Rippel and local farmers to get licensed for legal hemp farming as well as launched white label products hemp products with local existing companies.

We have teamed up with Kansas Cannabis Coalition to help spread the message of health and hope through plant based medicine. Showing what we have done successfully here in Arizona.

We see the bigger picture as to when Federal legalization comes into play, Kansas will be a major role player in the logistics as well, we hope to be able to be a part of that bigger picture and help with such a transition.

Our hopes after all of these years are to be able to bring these legal business' back to our home state and help this state flourish, provide jobs and clean products like we have in Arizona for over a decade.

My mother, family and friends are still back home and we are hoping to not only reunite but continue a family tradition while helping our state be competitive in a growing market.

We are about the community and helping those in it. We look forward to working with everyone to help a good bill pass. We look forward to coming home after almost 30 years of not being able to legally with the very medicine that keeps me alive.

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