

Federal and State Committee Topic: Medical Cannabis

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To the Committee Members and the Chair,

My name is Kelli Snider-Short. In 2016 I was diagnosed with Fibromyalgia, depression, Generalized Anxiety and PTSD. The fibromyalgia was inherited from my father who also had severe anxiety. My father chose to use the medicines prescribed by his doctors at the time. These medicines included morphine, fentanyl, and other opioids. I believe these medicines contributed to his early death at only 52 years old. In my search for pain relief, I have had the good fortune to be able to travel to Colorado and try medical Cannabis. To my surprise, the flower did a great deal to relieve my pain and anxiety. My main concerns with the legalization of cannabis in Kansas are these: I believe Kansans deserve access to safe and effective medicine as a constitutional right, I believe that the cannabis industry can provide many jobs and revenue for the state in this difficult time, and I believe that regulating the cannabis industry will be beneficial to ensuring that people receive the correct medicine for their ailments and be free of harmful chemicals. Below, please find the links I have provided to support these assertions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/medical-marijuana-2018011513085>

<https://sites.psu.edu/bettermentofamerica/financial-benefits/>

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/modern-marijuana-more-potent-often-laced-heavy-metals-and-fungus-180954696/>