

Testimony for HB2184

To Chairman and members of the committee.

I hope you seriously consider HB2184. I know many people have dogmatic views of cannabis still and it can cloud their judgement. We can see many people are leaving our great state in search of medical remedies that we do not allow in KS. Be it children or adults we should give them the same opportunities for a better quality of life without having to leave our state to find it.

I personally would not benefit from medical cannabis since I do not have any health issues it would help with. That being said I have family members and friends who would greatly benefit from this. My mother suffers from a seizure disorder and many of the drugs she takes to combat them have extremely unwanted side effects. Some could even argue the side effects can be just as bad as the seizures themselves. I could go on and list multiple other family members and friends who are taking pharmaceutical drugs that cause many negative side effects but I will not bore you with that.

Not only would medical cannabis help increase the quality of life for many of my friends and family it would be an untapped source for tax revenue that Kansas is greatly in need of. As our Governor has expressed this new source of tax revenue could be used to help many people with expanding health benefits. There are plenty of states that have legalized cannabis in the form of recreational and medical and the tax revenue and quality of life benefits are easily found in the statistics from those states. I urge this committee to consider the positive merits of this bill and the increased quality of life it will bring to Kansans. Thank you for your time.

-Gavin Williams