## **Testimony in Opposition to SB 135**

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Medicines should not be defined by the Legislature. In the United States, medications are approved by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for safety purposes, and the process should be the same as other drugs, with clinical trials for testing purity, safety, and appropriate dosages. This protects the patient by providing scientific evidence instead of emotional testimony that could be based on any number of variables.

It is also very important for legislators to consider how the legalization of medical marijuana has affected the public safety of citizens in other states.

Thank you, and please vote no on SB 135.

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