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I have no idea why anyone is trying to make modifications to a thriving medical program, but here we are. The medical program is the best in the country. Removing the ability to use concentrates accomplishes what goal? Limiting patient access to medical products, and stalling the services, accomplishes what goal? We must always ask ourselves, "what is the goal?" before changes in policy - or behavior - are made.

It certainly doesn't improve public safety. There are zero statistics pointing to the medicinal use of concentrates as causing a public health problem/crisis. In fact, many people use concentrates because it's a preferred method of pain relief.

It certainly doesn't improve the state, economically. Concentrate sales are on the rise as individuals are becoming more comfortable using them. They're more cost effective than flower, which is an important point to make given how out of control inflation currently is.

It certainly doesn't make the lives of law enforcement or OCP easier. Concentrates are causing zero problems for OCP or local/state governments.

This seems irrational, much like previously recommended adjustments to the medical program. I can only assume this is some largely self-interest driven attempt to reduce the medical program in power so that the adult use program can thrive. Just because OCP screwed up the adult-use program by making the cost of operation far too high through greedy excise taxes, outrageous seed to sale tracking costs, and sky-high testing costs doesn't mean the medical program should suffer.

All of the above incredibly reasonable arguments apply to the other components of this preposterous bill.

The government should not have access to a list of patients. That's beyond a violation of privacy. What possible reason could the government have for needing this information?

Bringing back a limited list of conditions to qualify as a patient? When did the government become medical experts, and why should we trust them in making such decisions? You wouldn't ask your dentist what's wrong with the motor in your vehicle, would you?

Riseman - someone with experience as a CFO and in economic development - is supposed to be a trusted authority on medical marijuana and how patients apply and qualify for medicine?

Please ask yourselves: who do these changes truly benefit? Limiting access to medical marijuana products is purely extravagant government overreach when the proposed changes to current rules and statutes does nothin to improve

- -Public safety
- -Medical solutions
- -Governmental efficiencies and effectiveness