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LD 94

I oppose of 94. I have been a medical user of cannabis since 2011. in those days you carried around a tattered piece of paper that your physician signed off on. At the beginning of the medical cannabis program I had a state issued card but needed to source cannabis on the black market. I also didn't like being on a list of state registered cannabis patients. This is a medical issue and I didn't like my medical business on some state controlled database. As a law abiding citizen that put me in a bind. Do I get relief from cancer and it's treatments or do I tough it out until the end. My primary physician has always been the person approving my condition for a medical card. He knows me my needs and the symptoms I suffer through on a daily basis. He was my physician long before the Cannabis program came into being. I was relieved when the current cannabis medical program was put in place.

The cancer I have is called medullary thyroid cancer and I've had it since I was 25. It's slow growing and for years there was no proven treatment. My symptoms are deep and chronic fatigue, nausea, swelling of the joints, and generalized body pains. I now have tumors in my spine, liver, lungs and soft tissue in my chest. Luckily there's a chemotherapeutic genetic therapy that I've been on for the last 4 1/2 years. So it slows the cancer even more though it has its own host of side effects. Headaches nausea, joint pain arthritis liver toxicity gastric issues and eye problems. Cannabis has given me hope and allowed me to continue with some kind of quality of life. My family and friends iare grateful to be able to spend time with me when my symptoms are treated with cannabis.

Re: Concentrates can be taken discreetly and works very quickly in small amounts. My life would become more difficult should I not be able to access concentrates.

What do the bills sponsors know about cannabis its properties and how it works? What do they know about the suffering of the conditions it helps alleviate? Does this governing body want to be known for the prohibitions it puts on a successful medical cannabis program that relieves suffering. Or does it want to be known for dredging up well worn ground and the hard work it took many people including legislators to make the current medical program a success? I urge you to vote no on LD 94.

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