

Good Morning!

I support LD 40 and Senator Hickman!

As a caregiver for the past 4 years I have found myself in anxious throws over and over again. As we started with OMP, I felt that I had a government entity supporting me. I felt that I had one that really believe in what I did, one that was founded to helping the public. As the years have gone on, I have felt a change in the tides. Every email, every hearing, every news article that has come out has only made me feed dread for this program, that I stand behind.

I come to you today, as a caregiver. One that has seen the positive outcome of this agricultural plant in the public and with patients. Every year I am afraid that my patients will no longer want to come to me, due to their identity being less and less secure. Every few months I question if I will be able to give my patients what they need, at an affordable cost. I wonder if I will be here to help them next year.

LD 40, has finally given me a breath of fresh air. Once again, I feel that the identity of my patients are secure. As a caregiver, my personal identity is also secured. This helps with keeping my home, (which is not my place of cultivation) private and without scrutiny of the public. I also feel safer in my home. As much as we don't want to think, we are targeting for what we cultivate, we can be. I also want to point out that LD 40 does still hold us, as caregivers, accountable. This is not a "get out of jail free" card for any of us. The rules, boundaries and regulations benefit both sides of fence.

In the end, I feel more secure, as a caregiver, to continue to provide for my patients within the community. Thank you for reading this today. Thank you to Senator Hickman, for helping this community.

Thank you,

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