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I fully support the legislation, LD 421 to increase the number of plants a Medical Marijuana Caregiver may cultivate.

- Here are a few reasons why, as a Caregiver, I would like to see this pass.

  1) Increased plant counts does direct damage to the cannabis black market by creating an adequate supply of safe, controlled, chemical free, legal and taxed cannabis for our patients so that they do not feel the need to purchase from the black market.

  2) More plants will help to lower patient's medicine costs.

  3) More plants helps patient accessibility and availability.

  4) Stabilize the supply chain which was dangerously low last summer. During tourist season

- this summer, supply is expected to get worse.
  5) Increase in amount of sales tax generated.
- 6) This bill costs the state zero dollars to enact and it will create more jobs to handle the new work load. Increase in plant count will positively affect and boost local supply sales and services (soil, fertilizer, lights, heat pumps....etc)