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Testimony Supporting SB 281  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Thank you for hearing SB 281—I appreciate your time to take a look at this important issue.

The Health and Human Services committee voted four ayes and one nay to recommend PTSD be added to the medical marijuana formulary. The testimony from consumers and medical providers indicate that marijuana is a good treatment for some individuals who have flashbacks and nightmares that come from PTSD. We did not find good evidence based research and until that research is available we must be very careful what we add to medical marijuana formulary. There were physicians and consumers who gave anecdotal information on how medical marijuana has helped people with PTSD.

My biggest concern is keeping pot away from minors, schools and parks. The effects of marijuana on the nervous system and development of our children, youth, and young adults should be ever conscious on our minds.

