

From: Ballard Hal  
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 1:04 PM  
To: Crawford Adam  
Subject: No on SB 464  
Importance: High

Dear Adam,

Please forward this on to the members of the committee who are preparing to take up this measure.

My name is Harold Ballard and, as a patient and cardholder of the OMMP since its inception, I have been making cannabis extract products safely and regularly, and for 10 years, leading a class that teaches others how to do the same.

This bill, if passed would seriously impair my ability to treat the intractable pain I endure due to a lower back injury I suffered 20 years ago.

As a former cigarette smoker (I quit in 1984) I still suffer from COPD, and smoking cannabis irritates my lung cilia as much or more than tobacco, so I limit my use to vaporizing the extract I produce from glycerin.

This bill would (or perhaps not, due to its ambiguities) prohibit that, and force me to rely on some commercial product that I would have to pay for. Being on a fixed income, this is not an expense I can afford.

I have become proficient at growing my own herb and the extraction methods, and assure you that in the 17 years of making Cannabis Tincture, Crock-Pot Cannabutter, and Cannolive Oil, I have experienced no fires, explosions or other situations this bill purports to address.

The high-pressure extraction methods such as using butane or propane can be dangerous and I agree that that form of production should be limited to the trained and expert individuals, but requiring OMMP caregivers and patients to be 'certified' to make the methods I mentioned above is onerous, mean spirited and does not take into account the experience of 17 years the OMMP has had to mature.

I strongly urge the committee to not move this idea forward.

Sincerely,

Hal Ballard