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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to share some of my story with you regarding my pregnancy and cannabis use. When I was pregnant with my daughter, Morgan, I had a complete placenta previa. The condition required me to be on bed rest for my entire pregnancy along with my feet up as pressure on the cervix would cause the placenta to rupture and bleed causing hemorrhaging to myself and my fetus.

I also had severe morning sickness and the end of my pregnancy resulted in a weight of 40lbs. The constant vomiting would cause pressure to the cervix. I was in the hospital numerous times for bleeding.

I used cannabis during my pregnancy!! It caused the morning sickness to lessen and my weight loss was not as rapid. I am also a patient for severe muscle spasms and pain. There is no way I would use a narcotic during my pregnancy. I am thankful for the cannabis. It allowed me to find relief and rest comfortably, which was the ultimate goal my doctor told me.

Upon birth, my daughter tested positive for marijuana at Mt Hood Medical Center in Gresham, OR. I was interviewed by a social worker at that time and was complimented on the behavior of my other children and my general parenting.

I have attached a copy of Morgan's current 3rd grade report card. The Gresham-Barlow District grades elementary students with and end of the year bench mark in mind. At conferences the teacher explained this causes a false sense of failure on the report card as no child can exceed all end of year expectation upon the beginning of the year.

Please note in Morgan's report card, that at the end of the 2nd trimester, she has met 19/37 end of year goals and exceeded 18/37 end of year goals. She has consistently exceeded benchmarks for Characteristics as a learner and a Citizen. Morgan actually reads at a beginning 7th grade level.

I do not believe cannabis is harmful to a fetus.

Thank you,

Jessica McKinney