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Hi my name's Tina Matula, and I am a medical marijuana patient.

I have been using medical marijuana for the past 10 years for my fibromyalgia, endometriosis, migraines, back pain, and PTSD.

When I voted for marijuana to be legal in this state, I was under the impression that nothing would change as far as medical marijuana was concerned. Turns out, that was not true.

I was able to sell a lotion in the dispensary to offset my cost for medication as a patient and now, with the new rules, I am seen as a criminal, while no longer offer my lotion to patients that were using it, without a license. I can not afford the current fees for cards, and a grower, and 4x the cost as said in M91.

I now have to pay dearly, for something I didn't need before, as a knowledgeable patient-producer. The system was not broken for patients.

It did need some fine-tuning such as more affordable fees for low-income people such as myself, access to growers since I live in apartment complex and cannot grow for myself, plant counts have been reduced which doesn't make sense to me, because as a patient, I don't get as much medicine as I need and end up having to pay for more. If my grower can't grow enough or test strains that may help, we are forced to go to dispensaries. Growers without patients do not have the same kind of limits as growers helping patients do.

Dispensaries are another thing I have a problem with.

There's no longer any more medical dispensaries you can go, to have peace of mind that they are following HIPAA rules with your medical information. I walk into the former medical dispensary now and I feel like I can't even talk to them about my illness, without other people knowing, and that's not right.

I am not a retail rec client. I never will be a retail client.

I am a patient and I thought I had rights, protected by OMMA and by M91.

I live on a fixed income, in an apartment, without the ability or permission to grow for myself.

Here are a few things I am asking for:

The amendments that lower prices, allow patient representation in decisions for the program, return to the 18 immature per card, and 4 cards per residence, like it was before I voted for M91.

These, and other patient reforms, will allow me to work on getting healthier, allow me to get affordable and consistent medicine without further financial and personal burden to myself or someone who understands my needs directly, and will allow patients to get the program they have paid into for years, with the type of representation that is offered in other OHA programs.

I don't feel this is too much to ask. I saw a friend's mother pass away before she could even get a card to alleviate her ailments before her death.

There needs to be some kind of expedited system for people on hospice and there needs to be a better system than what OHA has altered, to help care for the patients that have everyday needs.

Thank you for your time.

Tina Matula