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To: JMR Exhibits
Subject: Patient Support for 1057 amendments affecting patients positively.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been living as a single parent to my 9 year old autistic son for several years now. We live in a small two bedroom apartment, right on the edge of what we can afford, that is quite modest.

Unfortunately, with my son present and so little room, as well as being upstairs and disallowed to keep anything outside, I have no outlet to produce my own medication. I not only lack the space and the means, but the skill, as I'm sure many others do. My income being as tight as it is, and fixed, trips to the dispensary for needed medication have been nothing more than a luxury, which leaves me with only one outlet to stay medicated--my grower. Without my grower, I would not only know pain, but also severe anxiety, agoraphobia, PTSD induced nightmares, and several panic attacks a week.

Last year, for a time, I was unable to obtain medication and those few months were very difficult. Physical and involuntary panic attacks came almost daily, and my nights were not very restful due to nightmares (which my psychiatrist cannot medicate any other way). I was notably at a diminished capacity to parent my son and handle the day to day life I have made for us with the help of cannabis. It was a very scary time, and I am glad it was relatively short.

Without the aid of my grower, these times would be more than frequent--they would be normal, and I cannot live like that. Not for myself, and not for my son, who has no one else in this world to care for him. I implore you to consider the amendments made by Kris McAlister.

I feel he speaks for all of us here, in the 1057 amendments, that cannot speak for ourselves, both patients and caretakers alike. With his amendments to lower prices, I will have more of a fallback in case I find myself without. With his amendments to plant numbers, he gives growers the tools they need to keep their patients supplied with necessary medication. With his amendments to grower fees and card numbers per address, he gives both growers and patients the space to experiment, prioritize, and harvest the most effective strains for each individual patient's needs. I fear that without these necessary amendments, patients are slowly losing the tools they need to use this amazing resource to its fullest potential, which has still not been realized.

Please think about not only the resource you are tapping, but the needs behind that resource that will be put to the side if it is taken advantage of. The medical program should come FIRST, and all else after. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Beth Halbrook
Medical Cannabis Patient for 10 years