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Senate Committee on Health Care Members,

Please do not pass Senate Bill 303 as it may cause more harm than is intended. As someone who has experienced and witnessed much trauma from traditional systems of care I believe the way information is collected and not plays a big role in the long term positive outcomes in recovery. Confidentiality is a key factor in a mutual, trusting relationship between caregiver and care participant.

While much more information is needed to truly understand the power within all medicines, I believe there are many ways to collect and use information in ways that reduce potential harms. Many people want to participate in research that will further data and benefit how we understand medicine, healing and recovery. Choice and consent are important along this journey as so many of us have had our choices taken away for a multitude of reasons. Choosing what to share and who to share it with is a step toward empowerment that is needed for healthy community members. Please do not pass bill 303 as it currently reads as this would greatly disrupt the healing potential of these medicines and their modalities. Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter.

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