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I am 32 years old and live with PTSD (diagnosed at 16) as well as occasional severe pain from some disc issues in my lower back and some currently unknown stomach issues. I used to really heavily on medication in my 20s: anti-depressants, anti-anxiety pills, sleep aids, painkillers, etc. With cannabis, I have been able to drastically reduce the amount of medication I need to function as a semi-normal member of society, and I have been able to work and support myself and my aging mother. I feel a lot better with heavy cannabis consumption vs. the 5-10 pills I would have to take on a regular basis. The side effects made me feel inhuman, I wasn't sure if I was worse off suffering alone, or dealing with all of the nasty crap that the pills put me through.

A 10mg dose is nothing for my issues. I normally take 50-100mg for pain, and when I can't sleep, among other things. If this bill passed, I would have to buy and consume 10 edibles just to be able to get the relief I need. This would be extremely detrimental to thousands of other medical patients that rely on high dose edibles to meet their health needs. I think there should be other ways considered to safeguard this product from children. I think hurting medical cannabis patients is not the correct solution to this issue.

Please do not limit the one safe, effective medication I've been able to find for my illness. Thank you.