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As a civilian and current medical card holder in Missouri, it has been tough finding the funds to get and maintain my medication. I support the Cannabis Freedom Act as the only proposed solution to the monopolization of cannabis products in the state of Missouri, and opening up the market to cannabis free of monopoly. The expungement of cannabis related charges is also a very big and important step in making Missouri a progressive and successful example of an open & fair cannabis system. Please pass the Missouri Cannabis Freedom Act, showing your support & representation of the citizens of Missouri. The revenue will be well worth it. I do NOT support legal MO 2022 as it will further monopolize, robbing other potential businesses of opening up and supporting our community, as well as the pockets of patients who desperately need easier (and cheaper) access to their medication. Thank you.



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I am calling on my government officials to make Missouri the first state in our nation to legalize Cannabis with our own legislation, as opposed to the costly and often deceptive ballot initiative process. This decision would undoubtedly put Missouri on the map. I am 44 and have been an entrepreneur since I was 17 when I opened a small dress shop in the up and coming downtown in Springfield. I went on to work with a small business owner in California and ended up in Portland Oregon, opening a unique, high traffic coffeeshop with my husband. We sold it to move back to Missouri to be near aging family and have opened a small retail shop here. I am small business. My truest passion, an industry that I would thrive in, should not be out of reach to me because of big money interests. Thriving small businesses are what makes a city. Our communities need this opportunity. I am urging all of my representatives to vote in favor of House Bill 2704 in a bold bipartisan move to take the chains off of this new market and allow the people of Missouri to create a top tier Craft Market for Cannabis. This will give our economy a much needed boost and will benefit everyone. Thank you for supporting this bill and Missouri. Amy Powell



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I was the founder and part of a grassroots medical marijuana start up in Maryland Heights Mo (Cultacare LLC) We had a medical board consisting of Dr's, Nurses, Pharmacists and a Chemist. We had 25 years combined experience in a legal cannabis Industry market, we had a facility on standby that could of had quality medical marijuana and marijuana products coming out of it within months after commencement. We were unfairly denied licenses even though we scored high enough to be granted them. The primary investor lost financially, and we lost out on over a year of hard work and what we feel was an earned spot in the industry.



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I support this bill 100% and truly believe it will have great positive impact on our state in many different ways



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WITNESS NAME: BRANDI ORTEGA LOPEZ		PHONE NUMBER: 816-406-8078	
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Once federal regulation of cannabis shifts, not just national but international trade will become a huge focus and source of competition. Private entities are posturing themselves to have the first and only say in how this potentially profitable commodity is distributed and profited on in Missouri. If the legislature doesn't have a solid foundation laid and take the lead, the opportunities for free market and equal competition will inevitably be skewed to benefit the victor, inconveniently amending state constitution. The bigger problem than free market is the daunting but imminent challenge of getting innocent non violent cannabis offenders out of jail AND repairing their lives. - Minorities (those most affected by the war on drugs) make up less than 4% of the legal industry but makeup more than 400% of those sentenced and jailed for non violent cannabis related charges. The first number must increase. The second ...shouldn't exist at all. - Expungement doesn't end with getting out of jail. It starts there. Rehabilitation, job placement, business training are all necessary to truly repair the damage done to our innocent missourians. For these reasons, as State Director for Minorities for Medical Marijuana, the largest cannabis industry minority advocacy organization in the world, I support this house bill with the addition of the following amendments: Proposed by Rep. Price-Authorize access to grants from the Energize Missouri Agriculture Program for those who have been impacted by marijuana convictions and are entering the legal marijuana industry (The program reimburses agricultural operations up to 75% of the purchase cost of qualifying cost-saving energy-efficient equipment and systems - up to \$7,500 per applicant.)-For those who have served a sentence of incarceration and are unemployed or are currently serving such a sentence, allow access to On-the-Job training specific to cannabis industry opportunities through the Missouri Office of Workforce Development (Rep. Price has similar program)-Allow access to the Action Fund Loan program, so that cities and counties can apply on the behalf of a small business to help them secure capital needed to start-up or expand after they have exhausted all other sources forfor those who have been impacted by marijuana convictions and are entering the legal marijuana industry-Allocate a portion of marijuana tax revenue to fund expungement petitions and offender release.



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I am 47. I've had two brain surgeries, seizures, depression, anxiety and more. Since finding cannabis, I am completely pharmaceutical free AND SEIZURE FREE. I am living proof that life can be good and not agony. Thank you for reading.



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Legislation is coming rather we want it or not. I would like to see our legislators pass legislation. Cannabis is not a dangerous drug. Cannabis should be legalized and regulated just like alcohol. Cannabis should be legalized so law enforcement has time for more pressing measures. With the rise of heroin and fentanyl use in America. Law enforcement are needed on the real war on drugs. Cannabis should not be listed in the war on drugs. Thank you for your time.



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65 yr old disabled vet medical cannabis has gotten me off 9 prescriptions but I can't afford it please drop prohibition



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We who are MMJ patients feel there are tremendous benefits for us as well as affordability. This needs your vote! Thank You!



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Good morning. I would like to submit my testimony on HB-2704 The Cannabis Freedom Act. Marijuana is not a dangerous drug. Marijuana should be regulated like alcohol. If legislators don't pass HB-2704. We could end up with a ballot initiative that is backed by corruption and greed. The Cannabis Freedom Act is the only chance our legislators have to protect our state from a ballot initiative that is trying to permanently write a dangerous monopoly into our constitution. This initiative, Legal Missouri 2022, locks in black market demand and trafficking in our state through license caps that artificially inflate legal marijuana prices. This poses an imminent threat to public safety that puts both law enforcement and everyday citizens at risk, which is why we desperately need The Cannabis Freedom Act. Ending prohibition through a legislative option will undercut the black market by allowing a fair, competitive market to take its place, and it will reduce the number of marijuana-related law enforcement encounters which reduces the risks that go along with those encounters. It will also protect our constitution from corruption. Not everyone agrees that marijuana should be legalized, but the decision of whether it SHOULD be legalized is not at issue. Instead, the decision we face is HOW legalization will occur, and our legislators cannot allow our constitution to be abused for profit. I want to express my strong support for The Cannabis Freedom Act and to ask you to do the same. Thank you for hearing the voice of the people and upholding the integrity of our state's constitution. Thank you for your time Deidre Woods



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I believe it is time for Missouri to pass a bill like this. The citizens of Missouri need this bill. Not only for revenue purposes which could take care of pesky personal property tax but for the moms, dads, brothers, sisters, family sitting in jail for a PLANT. They do not deserve to be away from their families while people of all walks of life use this medication to ease their ailments and brighten their days. That's all those people wanted as well. We deserve to be able to get licenses and open market. Of course the owner on a huge business that is pulling in money hand over fist would say that the black market will grow and cannabis will get into the wrong hands. We the people just want what he has but for different reasons. He is coming for profits, we are coming for life. I believe that a mass majority of card holders are just like myself and want to see people happy. Whether that be sharing a fresh crop or freshly made cookies to someone who's migraine has plagued them from going outside and enjoying the air or the mother of a family of 4 battling her cancer and this is what helps her feel better and enjoy her life especially with such a detrimental crisis. Love is what makes the world go round. This bill is surrounded by love.



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I am a medicinal cannabis patient and am very happy that the Cannabis Freedom Act has made it to committee; I really need it to go all the way through the legislative process and become law! Like most other medical "marijuana" patients, I cannot afford to get my medicine from the high priced dispensaries in the state and I SURE don't want those same companies that gave us overpriced medicinal cannabis to get another monopoly on the "recreational" market! PLEASE do everything you can to get this Act through committee and into effect! We have the opportunity to lead America in recognizing cannabis RIGHTS for people in need and overturn business monopolies in partnership with the state! Other medical states need to see Missouri free up growing rights for all medicinal patients = the only way we can get enough medicine to fully treat our conditions and diseases.



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I believe that Legal Missouri 2022's monopoly will hurt even more people and the market. I do not want Legal Missouri 2022. I completely support The Cannabis Freedom Act and want to see it pass, it is our lawmakers' one and only chance to pass a better option.



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I support this bill primarily because of its federalism, anti-commandeering and anti-civil asset forfeiture provisions. I also support it because it forbids the state's divisions of finance and credit unions from showing hostility towards marijuana businesses. Finally, I am glad the bill prevents marijuana use from being held against family court participants in matters of custodial and parental rights, among others.



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If the federal government is refusing to right the wrong that is marijuana prohibition, then States like Missouri must take action. For too long, people have been fearful for using a plant that has been used by humans for thousands of years. An ancient Chinese pharmaceutical book written 5,000 years ago documented the uses of marijuana. It should be treated like any other "sin"-alcohol or nicotine. Tax it, regulate it, keep it from children and those with addiction problems, but allow everyone else to make their own decisions. This is the conservative notion of "individual liberty" and "personal responsibility." The individual who harms another while under the influence of marijuana will feel the full brunt of laws that already exist. The continued criminalization of a naturally occurring plant, in 2022, is insane. Missouri has seen much success with its Medical Marijuana Program, but it is far too restrictive for people wanting to enter the industry. This bill would level the playing field for all who hope to serve their communities and their state. Millions of tax dollars are flowing out of our state into neighboring state of Illinois where recreational use is permitted. Let's keep those funds within the border of Missouri and use the money to help our citizens.



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I have watched the Missouri House discuss corruption openly and at length on the floor of the general assembly in regards to the current Missouri Medical Marijuana program. The oversight committee showed many areas where the DHSS has failed to regulate the Missouri Medical Marijuana program in the best interest of the people. If you go back through time you can see the lineage through the Missouri Ethics Commission reports. New Approach PAC became Missourians for New Approach PAC who then rebranded to Legal Missouri 2022 PAC. You can see clear as day, donations in the hundreds of thousands of dollars from current license holders, trying to hedge the future of cannabis in Missouri in regards to Adult Use. When will our representatives correct this monopolization of a plant? Does Jefferson City and our elected body have what it takes to give power back to the people and away from special interest groups like Mo Cann Trade who are donating to House and Senate members in Missouri? Who are spending lobbying dollars in an attempt to restrict future Ballot Initiatives after the 2022 session. Will our elected officials do the right thing? We are all watching and waiting for that to happen.



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It helps alot of people with pain. Also, some mental illness. Please help us and pass the bill. Thank you



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Please pass this bill. It's what's best for the people of Missouri.



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I may not use the product, I have seen the benefits of its use. Passing this bill will be a win win for taxpayers. Maybe we will be able to lower our real estate taxes if the tax revenue from the products sold supplements our coffers. Use all the taxes collected to go towards our schools like we should have with our gambling revenue.



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I am asking for full recreational legalisation of marijuana when I'm at home twice a week I can take up to relax and help me sleep without worrying that I'm going to be arrested for utilizing a harmless plant.



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IntroductionAmericans for Prosperity (AFP) is a grassroots organization dedicated to outreach, education, and advocacy on long-term solutions to the country's biggest problems that prevent people from realizing their full potential. Missouri's current prohibition on recreational cannabis has proven ineffective at its intended goals of increasing public safety and curbing the harmful effects of substance use. This is why we support HB 2704, which would establish a safe and well-regulated recreational cannabis market for Missouri.A Failed Approach at Public SafetyThere is no question that substance abuse can lead to negative side effects and the government has a critical role in mitigating these consequences. However, we know from experience, data, and research that cannabis prohibition and enforcement have proven ineffective and act as a socially destructive "front door" to the criminal justice system.Even with an operational medical cannabis industry, the Missouri criminal justice system focuses significant resources towards cannabis laws and their enforcement. Of the over 23,000 drug possession arrests in Missouri in 2020 reported to the FBI, 10,650 were for marijuana possession.¹ This amounts to millions of dollars spent enforcing these laws, hundreds of hours of police and prosecutorial time, and thousands of new criminal records each year that can carry significant collateral consequences for Missourians. Unfortunately, this emphasis on cannabis enforcement through the criminal justice system has not achieved its intended goals: Trends in cannabis use show no consistent response to these efforts and the prevalence of cannabis use has increased among adults irrespective of these enforcement activities.² The black market for cannabis has continued to thrive in Missouri, fueling other associated violent and non-violent criminal activities that significantly impact public safety. Law enforcement agencies have shifted more and more resources away from their core mission of solving and preventing property and violent crime and toward drug enforcement efforts. Police now "clear" 3 42.47% of violent crimes and 19.04% of property crimes;⁴ with decreases in clearance for both violent and property crimes each year since at least 2014. In St. Louis in 2020, homicide clearance rates fell to 36%. This leaves too many victims without justice and jeopardizes public safety.Prohibition is a failed approach to limiting cannabis use that is neither making us safer nor reducing the use of cannabis, but it is devastating thousands of lives across Missouri each year.We believe it is time for a different approach.Why HB 2704 is the Right Approach for MissouriOur team has years of experience working on criminal justice, health care, regulatory, and many other issues to provide state leaders with guidance on how to establish a market that achieves five key goals:1. Move law enforcement efforts away from responsible possession and use of cannabis and focus these efforts on the social costs of marijuana, such as use by minors and impaired driving.2. Do not create a market where a handful of strong companies run the industry and small entrepreneurs face unnecessary barriers to access. The regulatory framework established should limit barriers to entry to those with a clear nexus to public health and safety and provide non-

restrictive occupational and business licensing procedures.³ Imposes a total tax burden that does not incentivize the continuation of gray or black markets by making them more easily accessible or profitable than legal businesses.⁴ Ensure a cannabis market is regulated enough to ensure safe, transparent products for consumers.⁵ Ensure individuals that have gone through the criminal justice system have an opportunity to participate in a recreational cannabis market in order to secure a true second chance so they can positively contribute to their communities and achieve their full potential. HB 2704 accomplishes each of the five goals above. The bill effectively balances necessary safeguards with a free and fair licensing procedure to promote competition, a light touch taxing scheme that will allow the legal market to compete with the black and gray markets, moving enforcement away from law enforcement so they can focus on violent and property crime, and provides second chance opportunities for those who have previous marijuana-related convictions through the use of re-sentencing provisions, expungement, and occupational licensing reform. Lessons Learned from Other States Prevent a California-like Crisis Through Intentional Taxation One of the biggest potential benefits of adult-use cannabis legalization is its potential to undermine the revenue of cartels and gangs by reducing the demand for black market products and in turn reducing the amount of violent crime experienced in the communities where these organizations currently operate. For this goal to be achieved though, states must establish a regulatory structure and tax rates that allow the legal market to compete with providers that will never comply with the law. Consumers will continue to purchase products from their legacy providers if it can save them substantial sums of money.⁵ The experience of California presents a clear warning for Missouri. Voters there approved a measure to establish an adult-use cannabis market more than five years ago, but the black market has continued to thrive given the state's overburdensome regulations and high tax rates.⁶ The best data available shows that \$8.7 billion worth of products are still purchased on the black market and that potentially 75% of the market is still controlled by unlicensed dealers.⁷ This situation has resulted in leaders in some of the least tax-friendly localities suspending their local taxes in hopes that this will allow legal operators to more effectively compete with the black market.⁸ Other states with equally excessive or complicated tax regimes have similarly seen their black markets continue to thrive and dominate.⁹ Conversely, Michigan chose to impose a more reasonable and less complicated tax burden on its market.¹⁰ Data from 2020 – the state's first with a legal market – shows that it collected over \$31 million in tax revenue from excise taxes alone and that the legal providers have already been able to capture more than 60% of the market share within the state.¹¹ With the passage of HB 2704, Missouri is poised to follow the example of Michigan rather than California. The bill has a business and consumer-friendly taxing approach that will allow for the legal market to capture business from the black and gray markets while the regulatory framework ensures safe and transparent products for the consumer. Ensure Everyone Receives a Second Chance Thousands of Missourians have been arrested, convicted, and imprisoned (some still today) for activities that are legal in other states and would be legal with the passage of HB 2704. If Missouri decides that possession and distribution of cannabis should now be legal, this should be reflected both in how we apply our laws going forward and how we provide relief for those who have previously been arrested, convicted, and sentenced for cannabis offenses. Some states have taken a piecemeal approach by legalizing adult-use cannabis and then later providing one or more forms of relief to those previously convicted of non-violent cannabis offenses.¹² Other states– like Montana and New Mexico – have adopted comprehensive statutes that deal with both issues simultaneously.¹³ HB 2704 takes the preferred holistic approach of Montana and New Mexico by establishing provisions that would allow for the opportunity of re-sentencing for non-violent marijuana offenses, expungement of non-violent marijuana offenses, and providing chances for those with a criminal record to participate in a legal cannabis market. Any lack of action in this area would leave thousands unnecessarily burdened by the weight of a criminal record that would not be imposed today, forcing them to face lifelong barriers to employment, education, and housing. Conclusion It is clear from the outcomes – or lack thereof – of cannabis prohibition in Missouri that it is time to implement a legal cannabis market and pass HB 2704. Please view our team as a continued resource on how to capitalize on the failures and successes of other states in building an adult-use cannabis market that both keeps Missourians and their children safe while also establishing a market that allows innovation and entrepreneurship to thrive.-----¹ Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime Data Explorer: Arrest – Missouri, Federal Bureau of Investigation (2021), <https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/pages/explorer/crime/arrest>. ² John E. Schulenberg, et al., Monitoring The Future: College Students & Adults Ages 19–60, The University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (2021), available at <https://nida.nih.gov/drug-topics/trends-statistics/monitoring-future> (see Tables 5-1 through 5-5); See also Lloyd D. Johnston, et al., Monitoring The Future Key Findings on Adolescent Drug Use, The University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (2022), available at <https://nida.nih.gov/drug-topics/trends-statistics/monitoring-future> (see Figure 2). ³ Rate of cases closed each year due to arrest, death of suspect, justified action by the defendant, etc. ⁴ The Missouri Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has not provided updated clearance rate data since 2018 but that report showed

similarly low clearance rates that were declining. See Missouri State Highway Patrol Statistical Analysis Center, available at http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/ibi_apps/WFServlet.5 Geoff Lawrence and Spence Purnell, Marijuana Taxation and Black Market Crowd-Out, Reason Foundation (2020), <https://reason.org/wp-content/uploads/marijuana-taxation-black-market-crowd-out.pdf> (“As demonstrated by alcohol and cigarettes, excessive taxation can influence consumers’ decisions to patronize the black market.”) 6 The state imposes a 7.25% state and up to 3.5% local sales tax on consumers, a 15% state excise tax on all retail sales, and a significant cultivation tax on every plant farmers harvest from their fields or greenhouses. See Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 18, § 3700 (2021); See also California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, Tax Rates – Special Taxes and Fees, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (2022), <https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov/taxes-and-fees/tax-rates-stfd.htm>. 7 Tom Adams, et al., California: Lessons from the World’s Largest Cannabis Market, arcview Market Research (2020), https://bdsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019_BDS_California_CIB_Exec_Summ_Final_With_A.pdf; See also Los Angeles Times Editorial Board, Californians overwhelmingly supported legalizing marijuana. Why is it still a mess?, Los Angeles Times (2021), <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-12-26/editorial-californians-overwhelmingly-supported-legalizing-marijuana-so-why-is-it-still-a-mess-five-years-later>; Alexander Nieves, California’s legal weed industry can’t compete with illicit market, Politico (2021), <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/10/23/california-legal-illicit-weed-market-516868>. 8 KPIX 5, San Francisco Suspends Cannabis Tax To Combat Illegal Marijuana Sales, CBS SF Bay Area (2021), <https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2021/12/01/san-francisco-suspends-cannabis-tax-to-combat-illegal-marijuana-sales/>. 9 See e.g. Natalie Fertig, ‘Talk About Clusterf---’: Why Legal Weed Didn’t Kill Oregon’s Black Market, Politico (2022), <https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/01/14/oregon-marijuana-legalization-black-market-enforcement-527012>; Martin Kaste, Despite Legalization, Marijuana Black Market Hides In Plain Sight, NPR (2018), <https://www.npr.org/2018/05/16/610579599/despite-legalization-marijuana-black-market-hides-in-plain-sight>. 10 The state imposed a 10% state excise tax and a delayed 6% sales tax. See Mich. Code § 333.27963 (2021); See also David Lyden & Jacob Johnson, Michigan Based Cannabis Legal Group Breaks Down Recreational Marijuana Taxes, 9&10 News (2019), <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/12/09/michigan-based-cannabis-legal-group-breaks-down-recreational-marijuana-taxes/>. 11 Michigan Department of Treasury, Treasury: First Adult-Use Marijuana Payments Distributed to Michigan Municipalities, Counties, State of Michigan (2021), https://www.michigan.gov/treasury/0,4679,7-121-1755_1963-553542--,00.html; Anderson Economic Group, Michigan Cannabis Market Growth and Size, Anderson Economic Group (2021), <https://www.michiganacma.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/AEG-Michigan-Cannabis-Market-Study-Briefing.pdf>. 12 See e.g., Colorado [S.B. 13-283 (2013) (legalization); H.B. 17-1266 (2017) (providing expungement for misdemeanor cannabis offenses); HB. 20-1424 (2020) (providing mass pardon ability to Governor); H.B. 21-1090 (2021) (providing expungement for certain felony cannabis offenses)]; California [Prop. 64 (2016) (legalization); A.B. 1793 (2018) (resentencing and sealing of records)]. 13 H.B. 701, 2021 Legis., 2021 Reg. Sess. (Mont. 2021); S.B. 2, 55th Legis., 2021 Spec. Sess. (N.M. 2021) (adopted simultaneously with H.B. 2 which established regulatory structure).



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since i started use cannabis my depression anxiety has drop a hundred fold and diabetes has become more manage able



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Hi Joseph Moore from Missouri Diggins to be exact I would like this bill to go through and pass everybody deserve the right to this beautiful plant they should never have been criminalized to begin with nor should it be allowed to be highly profited off of this was a gift from our creator from God we should no longer be prosecuted or reprimanded for using one of gods gifts. Alcohol floods are streets pharmaceuticals floods are streets ruins families. And the only harm this plant is ever done to anyone is not be controlled for profit now they've done thrown the rules out the window so they can make money off of it and still tell us it's wrong no we needs to be legal the right way no more overpriced government medicine free the plant free the plant



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I am contacting you regarding HB2704 (The Cannabis Freedom Act), which will come before the committee on March 8th. The Cannabis Freedom Act is the only chance our legislators have to protect our state from a ballot initiative that is trying to permanently write a dangerous monopoly into our constitution. This initiative, Legal Missouri 2022, locks in black market demand and trafficking in our state through license caps that artificially inflate legal marijuana prices. This poses an imminent threat to public safety that puts both law enforcement and everyday citizens at risk, which is why we desperately need The Cannabis Freedom Act. Ending prohibition through a legislative option will undercut the black market by allowing a fair, competitive market to take its place, and it will reduce the number of marijuana-related law enforcement encounters which reduces the risks that go along with those encounters. It will also protect our constitution from corruption. Not everyone agrees that marijuana should be legalized, but the decision of whether it SHOULD be legalized is not at issue. Instead, the decision we face is HOW legalization will occur, and our legislators cannot allow our constitution to be abused for profit like Legal Missouri 2022 is attempting to do. I want to express my strong support for The Cannabis Freedom Act and to ask you to do the same. Thank you for hearing the voice of the people and upholding the integrity of our state's constitution. That statement was provided by the group leading the charge in passing this HB. This is my request for your support of HB 2704 based on experience on the ground. I am by no means an expert at legislation. My experience comes from a variety of facets that would be impacted by the passing of this bill. I have spent 8 years as director of therapy in LTC, most of which in rural Missouri. Although medications were not part of my field, their effects on the individuals I had the opportunity to treat was ever present. Current medication lists offered a cocktail of treatment for the symptomology of the diagnosis however, the side effects were far more detrimental to the individual's recovery than the "solution" at hand. Many of the patients had little to no previous experience with these medications resulting in confusion, loss of bowel and bladder control, altered sleep patterns, and a roller coaster of weight fluctuations often leading to a secondary illness while in their 'rehab to home' experience. This led to longer than expected LOS, additional costs, and an undue burden physically, emotionally, and psychologically. Not to mention those residents at the end of life whose anxiety was a greater threat to their remaining QOL than their diagnosis ever would have been. From these firsthand experiences I can state emphatically that the ability for Missouri residents to tap into an access for all doctrine regarding cannabis would absolutely be in the best interest of our citizens. Regarding end-of-life care, the choice to utilize psychedelics, specifically psilocybin would be a key factor in the quality of life reported by the individual as well as their families. No one should have to bear witness to their loved ones leave this world suffering from heightened and debilitating anxiety/depression when a natural option could be made available to them. I have seen countless families suffer with their loved ones or even leave them during their last days because of the emotional rollercoaster that could have been avoided by the

option to use cannabis and/or psilocybin. When medical marijuana came to the forefront in Missouri my fiancé and I looked to be part of the foundation of this industry. We paired with an out of state entity to guide us in our goal of attaining commercial cannabis licensing in Missouri. After nearly \$100K of personal financing and loans we were successful in attaining 1 manufacturing license out of the 8 different licenses applied for. It was a proud, yet expensive moment that ended in December of 2021 when the rule of having at least 51% of all licenses owned by Missouri citizens came to an end. We were bought out by the group that we paired with - no harm, no foul. This was a clause that was built into the agreement. I would happily work with this MSO again. Together with my fiancé, we have assisted numerous citizens of Missouri to become medical cannabis card holders through our brick-and-mortar store, The Pure Natural Depot located in Maryville, MO. These individuals, regardless of purpose, economic demographic, or education come seeking help with their condition(s). More than half of them return every year reporting the benefits they have received from cannabis; their demeanor, communication and ability to contribute to society confirms their statements. When fear is removed, we can better ourselves, become better people, & better neighbors. From these experiences I can say without hesitation that the opportunity for the citizens of Missouri to become commercial cannabis license holders is just good business. Invest in the citizens of the state of Missouri, let them pay taxes and receive tax benefits just like any other business and the results will be a profoundly healthier and happier Missouri with options to improve their health developed by the people in their own the state. We want our neighbors to be our partners first. Relationships are the cornerstone of all good business. Show me my neighbor's work and I will show you a better community within our great state. Show me big business and I will have to settle for what is offered. I have more examples of why HB 2704 is in Missouri's best interest. At the very least we owe it to law enforcement to be able to focus on crime - not a plant, or a fungi. Let them be good at what they do and not have settle for enforcing outdated laws that limit resources by taking them away from true crime.



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My dad has epilepsy, brain damage from a car wreck(in 1989), broke back from same wreck, prostate issues and has a medical marijuana card. I have seen what it can do for someone. All my life he has taken Xanax and pain pills. He is completely off Xanax now cause of medical marijuana. He is better than I have ever seen him. He gets out and helps in my garden and doing yard work. He is facing jail time right now because he is on probation for possession of marijuana and the judge told him he could only use what he had a prescription for and that did not include his medical marijuana that he has a prescription for. I don't understand, how does a judge have the right to say he can not take what his doctor has prescribed him? And not only that but you will go to jail for using what is prescribed to you. He is 66 years old. And is facing sleeping on the concrete floor at Cape County for a year because he won't stop using a prescription that a doctor, prescribed him. Passing this bill is my only hope of spending the last few years my dad has left with him and him having a quality of life that matters.



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As a current medical card holder, I have never been more excited for a piece of legislation. The Cannabis Freedom Act truly provides a system that benefits not only the medical patients of Missouri, but all members of this state. The jobs and revenue in tax dollars alone will benefit all Missourians, regardless of their cannabis consumption. Further, the medical patients of Missouri deserve a system where people are placed before profits. As a low income family, it has been difficult to take full advantage of the medical dispensaries due to the low variety and high cost products. Legal MO 22 will allow the same corrupt system that is currently in place for our medical patients, and extend that to all Missouri cannabis consumers. **LEGAL MO 22 IS BAD FOR MISSOURI MEDICAL PATIENTS AND ALL FUTURE CANNABIS BUSINESSES.** It would be in the benefit of all parties to create an open market in which Missourians will WANT to participate in. Our neighboring state Oklahoma has proven how successful an open market is. Missouri has the potential to become a powerhouse in the cannabis industry if we were to pass this incredible legislation that has been brought on to the table - HB2704. Missouri would be the only recreational state that borders touch 8 different states; this legislation allows for interstate commerce which could change the cannabis industry immensely. This is Missouri's chance to not only be a part of history, but to protect the very patients the cannabis medical system was put in place to protect. I fully support HB2704 as a Taney County Missouri resident and medical card holder.



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I believe that this bill is what we need in Missouri. By using decriminalization written in this bill it will end black market trading while also allowing medical patients who need this herb access before they're on their death beds. I also believe that it will bring the company's that seek to profit from the misfortune or lack of funds by turning this resource into just a profit for them monopolizing the market down on a level that they should be on, even with everyone else. The Cannabis Freedom Act is the best approach to making the changes we need to Cannabis use and allows the freedoms already granted in our constitution. This bill does just that for Missourians. Prohibition will end one way or another. Ask yourself not when, but how you can make it a better impact on Missourians.



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The Medical Marijuana program in Missouri is horribly and irrevocably broken. There is no way that anyone who is disabled to the point of actually, honestly, qualifying for a medical card in Missouri could afford to buy cannabis in a dispensary in a sufficient quantity to treat their condition. I am a medical marijuana patient, as is my son, and the only way that we are able to afford our medicine is because we grow it ourselves, but we would rather, as people who live with chronic pain, not have to do that. We would rather buy cannabis, at a fair market price, like those that can be found in Oklahoma, Oregon, or Colorado. I was a supporter of the amendment that brought us to the place that we are at now, not fully appreciating just how poorly the regulations of the amendment could be implemented. How the will of the people could be weaponized against people it was intended to help. I urge you all now to rectify that egregious wrong. Cannabis was vilified and made illegal as an act of racism, this is the time, that Missouri can shed our backwater image and not hide in Illinois's shadow, do not replicate its broken system, let's be leaders, and make real, concrete advances in adult-use cannabis legislation while doing what is right by all of our citizens. Those who have been suffering under unjust prosecution for non-violent cannabis offenses, parents who have had children removed from their custody because of cannabis that was consumed in the privacy and safety of their own home. Let's stop the hypocrisy, that has been a part of our country since the 1930's when an act of racism toward the "dirty Mexicans" made a plant illegal, and not just any plant, but a plant that has the ability to help people. My son Timothy lives with one of the most severe forms of epilepsy, Lennox-Gastaut. It is marked by multiple types of intractable seizures that originate from different areas of the brain. It is very difficult to treat. I was immensely grateful when another parent of a child who has epilepsy took the first, tiny step toward legalization. That parent was our Attorney General, then-Senator Eric Schmitt. If not for that small step, and later bigger steps I do not believe my son would be alive today. Either that or we would be medical refugees living in another state just so that we can meet the needs of our child. As the current law stands, I have to make my home available to agents of the department of health and senior services at any time so that my growth can be inspected. Why? If I have done to warrant a search of my property? Oh yeah, I have a son who has epilepsy and I have multiple conditions that cause chronic pain. It is time for Missouri to not only legalize Cannabis but also to destigmatize it. If there is no stigma associated with having a glass of wine after a long day at work there should be no stigma with consuming cannabis in a manner of your choosing after a long day of work. Do we need a "1-800-Betsoff" style hotline? Seriously? Do we have one for our friends and family members who are alcoholics? If we do, I am not aware. We deal with it as family and friends, and the same should be done if someone develops a problem with cannabis. This is not a mysterious, dangerous substance that is going to turn people into drug-crazed zombies no matter what Reefer Madness told us. Lest you think I am a raging dope fiend; I am a 50-year-old stay-at-home wife and mother, a Christian, a registered Republican. I grew up in the "Just Say NO" generation and never so much as touched any

drugs throughout high school and college. In fact, it was not until I was well into my 40s that I had my first experience with marijuana. I was a pain management patient who, after years of being on narcotics for pain was told that due to changes in the law was being cut off my medicine. I did not abuse my medication; I did not sell it. I was one of many victims of a law that punished law-abiding citizens who were suffering for the crimes of others who do not go through legal channels to obtain drugs.



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Cannabis has proved to help treat many medical conditions, and it would help give access to more people who depend on it.



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We need to stop the monopoly of commercial licensing for the rich they don't care about anything but money. If you give the licensing to people who deserve it the quality of dispensary product will greatly increase.



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As I have an Official medical diagnosis of Autism , Cannabis and CBD have shown proven medical benefits such as a reduction in anxiety, the ability to help self regulate emotions and help with muscle spasms and improving nerve function. However because Marijuana is still classified as a Schedule 1 Federally , many doctors and physicians cannot sign the paperwork for medical marijuana due to a clause regarding their professional licensing. Also those on Medicare or Medicaid are prohibited from having a medical card as having one could put our health insurance in jeopardy. It also means that those who have a medical need that would qualify under the medical marijuana rules are unable to receive treatment that isn't in the form of a prescription pill. As many prescriptions can cause adverse reactions and even make the underlying mental health issues worse simply because of the way the body metabolizes a pharmaceutical drug. When people who are unable to qualify for medical marijuana , but have seen others with disabilities improve as a result of CBD there only other option is to order CBD Oil online. However this process should be simpler and legal and allow those who would benefit without fear of the loss of their health insurance or the fear that their doctor could loose their medical license by certifying them for medical marijuana . All of these issues could be solved if we legalized marijuana and made it easier to obtain the benefits from marijuana products .



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It should be legalized! Alcohol is way more dangerous and its legal. Crack down on all people spreading meth, heroine, coke, etc...



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Good morning, Thank you for having me here today as a Missouri voter in regards to HB 2704, also known as The Cannabis Freedom Act. Today is about supporting this bill and supporting access to Adult Use Recreational Marijuana and upholding the integrity of our Constitution. Part of my journey here today started in 2015 when I was diagnosed with degenerative osteoarthritis in both hips and the lumbar area of my back. From 2015 to 2019 I was on several high doses of Oxytocin and a Fentanyl patch. During this same period, I underwent 7 lumbar injections to help block the pain I was enduring, with little results. In 2019 I had a total hip replacement and had to come off all pain medication. This was not easy and the withdrawal effects lasted many months afterwards. Today, 3 years later, I still have those cravings for prescription pain meds when I'm unable to medicate with cannabis and I refuse to take them. In Three weeks, I will be having Lumbar Fusion surgery with a unknown pain factor and little resources for any pain relief. Like a lot of people, I was excited to see that Missouri was going to have a Medical Marijuana Program, but soon I became disappointed in the program. I was wanting to consume cannabis for its pain relief benefits, but have struggled like many others to purchase any cannabis product because of the price. Everyday is different, not knowing how much pain I will be in and how, if any activity I can perform without being able to medicate with cannabis. The Cannabis Freedom Act does not eliminate any outside competition like Legal Missouri 2022 initiative would. The Cannabis Freedom Act would help myself and others with lower dispensary pricing and let Missourians have the option on how to mediate or relax besides a prescription medication or an alcoholic beverage. The Cannabis Freedom Act would also benefit visitors to Missouri, find relief knowing they could go to a dispensary and find a cannabis product without concerns of transporting cannabis between states and subject to federal prosecution. Passage of The Cannabis Freedom Act is a must and would protect the integrity of the Missouri Constitution from the same entities that corrupted the medical program. Thank you Mark Powell 18717 E 13th Terrace Ct N Independence, MO 64056816 986 0642



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I am in support of HB2704. As a chronic pain patient, we are having more medication not being prescribed due to the PDMP. Pain patients are suffering. As MJ may not be the answer to treat pain for all, it will help many. Medical MJ was not set up correctly. Also, Covid protocols have created an increase in anxiety and panic attacks. The medication that used to be prescribed for this is now an allergy med and does not work. Patients, and their families, are not properly informed. Suicide rates have increased as we leave their anxiety untreated. It's time to end the prohibition. Also, the legalization will help prevent tainted products. This is a good bill.



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I am writing in support of HB 2704 Cannabis Freedom Act. While I myself do not use cannabis, I respect the rights of those who do. I believe that all people deserve their civil rights to be protected and that the use of a plant should not affect that in the least. My wife and son are medical marijuana patients and I am not sure if we would still have our son here with us today if not for cannabis, and the current system we have is cost-prohibitive to so many patients. If my son was on his own and not supported by his mother and me, he could not afford to buy the medicine that saves him from the seizures that would take his life. It is time for Missouri to come out of the dark ages and to be a leader. Time to stop punishing people for using a plant that heals. If you do not like cannabis, don't use it, I don't but my son does, my wife does and it is okay.



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"Restlessness is discontent and discontent is the first necessity of progress. Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure" - Thomas Edison. As an American citizen, Veteran with a 70% disability rating, Missourian, and father, I am restless. I am restless because our state legislators have failed to pass meaningful cannabis reform decades, despite the people of Missouri voicing their overwhelming support for it. I strongly support a legislative solution to cannabis reform, so I strongly support House Bill 2704. I strongly support "The Cannabis Freedom Act" for a few reasons: 1.

I have seen the medical benefits it can have firsthand. 2. Adult-use under this bill will further patiently access and drive down medication costs by increasing competition and creating opportunities for average Missouri families. 3. The legislator is the best suited to get this job done, and the initiative petition process is not. 4. I have seen the impacts of the war on drugs and time for change is now. I will take each point in turn. MEDICAL APPLICATION I am a Veteran of the United States Air Force, medically discharged under honorable conditions for a back injury, degenerative arthritis, and anxiety. Upon separation at the age of 23, I was on more medication than my grandfather. I had almost every controlled substance prescribed to manage pain and the side effects of those medications. I could not work, think, or continue in school—my quality of life severely diminished at a very young age. As a result of the stress of that life, I started having severe panic attacks that would leave me physically whipped for hours afterward, with my arms drawn up and shaking like a victim of a stroke. With single-use cannabis gummy at night, I am off all those toxic medications that robbed me of life. When my service-connected anxiety becomes too much and creeps up on me, I can take one hit of joint, and it all subsides. With cannabis, I can play with my children without pain, and I work again. However, I am fortunate; I can grow my own medicine. Many of my fellow veterans cannot produce their own medicine due to living arrangements or because they cannot afford the prices created by my legalmo22. When I enlisted at 17, I signed up to protect our freedoms and right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, not so out of state corporations and bureaucrats accepting money from their social interest groups could create a monopoly for themselves. EXPANDING ACCESS Passing House Bill 2704 will expand access to many Missourians who cannot afford the monopoly drive prices created by LegalMo22 under Amendment. As many have already stated, the black market is flourishing for a few reasons and the state legislature is best suited to pass cannabis reform. First, the black-market flourishes because of these licensing caps create high prices for products. More competition means better quality products and lower costs to patients and consumers. Therefore, passing recreational via House Bill 2704 gives you, the legislator, the power to ensure this is done to foster competition and quality medicine while also promoting access via circumventing the cumbersome patient application process for those individuals who need it the most. Second, in addition to the legalmo22 licensing caps, the black market is flourishing because of a particular special interest group's unwritten internal controls and verbal agreements to control

market prices, endorse in meetings by those top members in Missouri's first cannabis trade organization. I know this is true because I was both an applicant for medical licenses and an active member of this trade organization until I became aware of their unsavory business tactics, deception of average Missourians, and propensity for criminal behavior. Currently, I am appealing my license denial to the AHC. My family spent its entire life savings for an opportunity to compete in the market. We stand a good chance of getting our licenses on appeal. If LegalMo22 were to pass, I stand to benefit as it makes my companies first in line for recreational licenses, so it is not in my financial determinant to share this with you or endorse House Bill 2704. However, I speak to you today because the need for you to pass House Bill 2704 is that important. **THE "NEED" FOR LEGISLATIVE CANNABIS REFORM** Passing this House Bill 2704 allows you, the legislature, to get cannabis legalization done in a way that is smart, that benefits the state, and in a way that will not hurt but benefit average Missourians. Average Missouri voters will not read initiative petitions because they are focused on the end game, so they are prone to voting in weak legislation that is adverse to their own interests. There are many bad things in the LegalMo22s petition, so I encourage you strongly to look at it in-depth and get to work on making whatever necessary changes are required to get this bill passed in both houses. You were elected on our behalf to protect our interests and make responsible and common-sense laws. Its past time to get to work. **DRUG REFORM** As a former probation officer and bond supervisor, I experienced firsthand how many good people we send back to jail or have their kids taken away for using cannabis to treat legitimate health conditions. Over 70% of the individuals I supervised were in trouble for cannabis use. I had several parolees who I knew were medicated and would fail their UA as soon as they would come into my office because they were not incontrollable shaking from their essential tremors or Parkinson's disease. Others used cannabis to cope with severe childhood trauma while seeking counseling and leading otherwise very productive lives. As a probation officer, I hated nothing more than having to choose between writing a violation report that would likely send someone back to jail because they choose to treat a medical condition or losing my job. Regrettably, I sent many people to prison in the short six months I worked as a probation officer. I spent tens of thousands of dollars on my education to become a P, but I had a choice to make. On day 181 of starting my job, I said no more and made the hard choice to resign. Instead, I studied, sat for the LAST, applied, and packed my bags for law school in an effort to help keep good people out of jail rather than send them back to a system designed to fail them. Now, it is time for you to make a choice about who you want to be at the end of the day. Please help us right a wrong that has existed for far too long, sending people to jail for a plant that is changing people's lives for the better. Passing House Bill 2704 will help get these non-violent offenders out of prison through its provisions on expungement and release of non-violent cannabis offenders and back to their families to lead productive lives with the help of the plant that got them there. **CONCLUSION** In sum, I encourage you to become discontent with the status quo and strive for progress by passing House Bill 2704. Legalization is coming to Missouri one way or another, whether you like it or not. The only question you need to ask yourself is what do you want that to look like? Do you support local Missouri small businesses and farmers getting an opportunity to participate and compete in an ever-growing market? These are the same individuals in your districts who invest back into their local communities sponsor local youth sports teams and other community events. Additionally, do you support Missouri Veterans and Educators? Or, conversely, do you prefer government corruption, pay-to-play licensing schemes, back door deals, and corporate monopolies created by out-of-state operators? LegalMo22 is backed and supported by the same social interest groups who actively advocate defunding our police departments. LegalMo22 also desires to force CRT on our state, and inevitably our schools, through language buried in the back pages of their petition. These hidden issues are better suited for healthy debate in the house, not rammed through the back door by special interest groups. These same individuals also want to change the requirement to amend our constitution from a simple majority to 75%, a desperate effort to protect their corrupt monopoly. I welcome all members of the State Legislature to reach out to me. I have a unique experience as a patient, cannabis advocate, law student, MMJ license applicant and former trade member, and small business owner, which may help inform this legislative process. Thank you. Respectfully, /s/ Matthew Overcast



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I suffer from anxiety, pain, depression. I can say out of all the medications that I have taken over the years, medical Marijuana is the only thing that has helped me. Yes I have a medical card.



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HB 2704 / Cannabis freedom act / testimony. Hello my name is Michael Desmond. I'm a resident of Richmond Missouri which is in Ray County Missouri. I am an Owner operator CañaMO solutions llc. I'm a registered Missouri hemp farmer cultivator state licensed hemp sampler and proprietary extraction technician in the hemp industry. I'm also a medical cannabis patient and caregiver. I am here today to support HB2704 also referred to as the Cannabis freedom act. And am also here to stand against legal mo 22 initiative and the corruption that it supports. I am testifying today as a denied commercial cultivation and extraction applicant in the Missouri medical cannabis industry. An industry that is currently under a corrupt system that has siphoned millions of dollars from normal Missouri citizens. After spending tens of thousands of on real estate, building out, hiring consultants, cultivation equipment, meeting deadlines and our non refundable applications fees we were conditionally denied with no legitimate reason. there fore we appealed and are amongst the 800 appeals cases currently against Dhss. our application scores highlight the issues that many of the denied Missouri applicants faced . That is why I am here to support HB2704 and oppose legal mo 22. I am also here as a patient and caregiver that it is imperative that legal Missouri 22 does not pass. Legal mo 22 creates another monopoly again another market hindering affordable medicine and choices to Missouri citizens that choose not to take addictive pharmaceuticals. The citizens of Missouri need better more affordable access to top quality medicines that are currently ridiculously priced in legal Missouri markets which in turn creates and promotes stable black markets. It's time to end the Missouri's corporate monopoly in the cannabis industry and move forward with HB2704. the dhss has been irresponsible and inefficient in handling Missouri's medical cannabis program and the demand for available medical products. the cannabis freedom act would resolve these issues with the simplest most efficient thought out approach that has gained viral National recognition amongst the cannabis legalization movement. I am here today amongst grassroots activists that were at one point opponents in the cannabis legalization efforts multiple different organizations with different angles and different agendas. Today were all here together as a unified front to hopefully influence you to make the best possible decision for Missouri citizens and the cannabis industry of Missouri. HB2704 the cannabis freedom act is the best cannabis legalization bill in the country and is currently being high lighted on national level through multiple industry media outlets due to its structure and overwhelming support from multiple national legalization organizations and prominent individuals in the political and cannabis industry. Missouri can lead by example in the fastest growing industry in the nation Last and most important the expungements and release of cannabis prisoners. There are thousands of inmates incarcerated in Missouri for non violent cannabis related charges. While we have store fronts doing the exact same thing under state authorization and supervision. Unjust prison sentences that steal precious time away from loved ones and tear families apart over a plant while certain individuals can make millions in Missouri legal market is disgusting and unethical. Missouri needs to release and

pardon cannabis prisoners and dismiss all cannabis related charges. inmates are being regularly pardoned and reuniting with their families nation wide why delay the inevitable lets release and dismiss cannabis offenses all together and lead by example in doing the moral and correct thing to do at the same time taking a major burden off law enforcement while simultaneously stimulating the economy with jobs and opening new opportunities for growth for the grass roots organic citizens of Missouri. Pass, advance, Move forward with HB 2704 / Cannabis freedom act Oppose ,decline reject. new approach / legal mo 22 Thank you for your time and attention Michael Desmond



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A lot of people need it but can't get it



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I am a 63 year old retired conservative. Many of the issues with a liberal view I'm usually strongly against, however I am in favor of this bill for several reasons. Here are a few.1. The law itself has ruined more lives than the plant itself, especially in minority communities. Incarceration for a plant that has been found to have many good uses and is being accepted as an alternative medicine for a range of ailments and diseases. Let me back that up. Just because the U.S. government hasn't allowed research doesn't mean it hasn't happened. The country of Israel, Professor Rafael Mechoulam, has studied it since the early 60's and use it as medicine today. It is safe with fewer side effects. Recreational isn't any different. Safer than alcohol with fewer side effects. E.g. drunks beat women and cannabis smokers do not...ask a cop.2. Initiatives are born out of frustration believing that the legislators are not doing what the majority wants and are pursuing their own agenda instead. If the Legal Missouri 2022 initiative gets on the ballot, and it will as it polls well, chances are it will pass just as Article XIV did with 66% of the vote. Changes to the Missouri constitution isn't easily done as you know and if there is a need to change it due to forever changing circumstances, we're in for a long costly process. Legislators answer is to raise the bar to make the initiative process more difficult. That kind of message isn't received well by voters.3. Revenues created from direct sales should be allocated to benefit all the people of the state. Initiative measures direct it to set allocations that may change in priority in the future.4. All of the board members I know of with Legal Missouri 2022, have a monetary vested interest in it becoming law. If it passes, you'll have let the already wealthy, many out of state investors, write their own rules and will have a huge advantage on the small business owners who have dreams too. If you would read the history on how and why cannabis is illegal in the first place, you would know it was and still isn't based on science, but was based in racism and greed. I urge you to get this bill to the full house for a vote. Respectfully, Randy D Johnson St James



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Legal Missouri 2022 creates a monopoly effectively locking out Missouri's small farmers and business's while increasing the corruption and loss of Missouri money to other states. Its time for the Missouri legislation to act in the best interest of the Missouri citizens before it is too late. Prohibition of Cannabis came about due to fraudulent claims made by our government, based on racism and hatred of certain persons groups of our society and there for is a law based on fraud and upheld by corrupt politicians. Committing fraud in the state of Missouri is an illegal act and now is the time to change this. We need to support HB 2704. This allows us the ability to evolve as a state and be leaders. If Legal Missouri 2022 is voted in then Missouri loses and will be unable to make necessary changes in the future to protect the right of the citizens of Missouri. legal Missouri 2022 will receive the votes needed to change our constitution and bring about legalization if HB 2704 is not passed.



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We need full legalization! Currently prices at the dispensaries are unaffordable and are that way bc of the large companies controlling the market. People who have an interest in providing other with medicine should have the option even without paying outrageous fees for licenses and then getting rejected and losing all of their savings and never knowing why or getting a second chance. Also all non violent offenders should have to finish time or apply with the possibility of being rejected for Expungement. Medical patients shouldn't have to pay taxes. Government shouldn't have the right to walk into your house at any time bc you grow a plant, there are over 18000 liquor licenses in Missouri. There are very few maybe 180? Licenses to sell cannabis. It's insanity. We deserve freedom, we deserve opportunity for business and we deserve transparency in Missouri Marijuana programs and licensing. Thank you.



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This bill lays out a great foundation for a common sense approach to clearing the books of burdensome laws. Drug laws have a target effect for the population and serves the people better with reform. The wording is clear and the reworking of current statutes is the corrections Missouri needs moving forward. Addressing this change has immediate benefits for our state socially and economically. I give my support for the advancement and passage of this piece of legislation.



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I believe that this bill is the most promising piece of legislature I have seen proposed thus calling for the ending of cannabis prohibition in Missouri. Amending this bill to include, require, and layout the proper structures and funding to aid and expedite the process of expungement is necessary. Semi vague language that merely mentions expungement is certainly not enough, and without these structures in place we continue to turn our backs on the exact people that were most harmed by this War on Drugs turned profit machine. I urge the amendment and full support of this bill which takes an important first step at repealing and repairing a fraction of the damage that the War on Drugs and prohibition of cannabis has left on the lives of mostly Black and Brown folks, and grants the plant the freedom to be used by all as a healing medicine, as intended.



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Hello missouri lawmakers, I hope this testimony finds you well. I first want to say I am in 100% support of this. I am 28 years old and have been through a rough 3 years. I am a medical patient and have had my card since the first day. However I am involved in a boone county circuit court case involving guardianship of my son, and the judge is an ex prosecutor judge Stephanie morrell. I have been discriminated against because there is no protections prohibiting corrupt courts and judges from doing so. I have been made to take hair follicle drug tests every 90 days for 2 years and before that I had to take supervised urine tests every week, and was told I was cheating them by the court which is why I have to take follicle tests. I have my patient card a full time job and a brand new house but the court refuses to acknowledge my legal right to use the only medicine that's ever helped me, because the constitution does not protect parents. I can tell you this. If you lawmakers don't want to protect parents like myself and pass this I will 100% pass legal Missouri 2022 that will inevitably be on the ballot, I don't care about monopoly of who is in control. But legal mo 2022 has parental protections for parents like me. Do the right thing and get out of the boomer mentality that cannabis is bad. It is proven to be effective at treating many illnesses and way safer than alcohol and tobacco. Stop prohibition. Stop wasting money jailing people over a PLANT. The war on cannabis is a joke. And if you can't support freedom then why are you even a lawmaker? Don't be corporate sellouts or slave to old fashion mentalities. Listen to the people you're there because we voted you in to fight for our interests. We can easily vote you out.



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My team and I are highly in support of recreational cannabis proposed under this initiative. We spent almost \$300000 to get denied by the cricket medical program run by DHSS. We were more than qualified and were hoping the state of Missouri will pass this and write their wrongs. 10k should be refunded for all commercial applicants. My team and I plan To help Missouri in many aspects once we get this approval and hopefully attain the hopefully attained a recreational growing license. It's time to give everyone a chance to make money in a field that has been prominently run by white rich older people. Everyone should have a chance to succeed in this bussiness. Not just the rich. Thank You



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WITNESS NAME: TRAVIS KEITH RUCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The current monopoly has driven prices well beyond that of contemporary markets. HB2704 would ease the burden on many patients.



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WITNESS NAME: VERNON MCCLANAHAN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-442-9684	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ELEVATED LIFESTYLES LLC		TITLE: OWNER CEO	
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In 2014 my family left IL(near STL) to find access to cannabis in Colorado for my sons debilitating Crohn's disease. It's been 8 years that my son has been in complete remission by using cannabis alone. We have supported cannabis reform since. We've read a lot of bills, testify for many, been in support & been in opposition. We SUPPORT HB 2704. It is some of the best legislation we have ever read. We came all the way from our new home state of AZ to support HB 2704. Thank you!



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WITNESS NAME: WENDY CALLICOAT		PHONE NUMBER: 417-850-4079	
REPRESENTING: SARCOXIE NURSERY		TITLE: PRINCIPAL	
ADDRESS: 2401 E. 32ND ST, STE 10-325			
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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM A BUCHANAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: ab3155@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/5/2022 3:40 PM
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This will create a free market for all where we will all prosper and be able to get in the business if we so choose to so so without extraordinarily high prices to enter the market. This makes the division in our communities a little bit less and law enforcement can focus on bigger things like the terrible opiod crisis and offal meth problem missouri has always had. It frees up individuals that shouod have never been locked up for a plant. The whole point of this bill is FREEDOM where everyone gets a fresh start and the chance to make a great difference in the community and will bring a ton of jobs to the state. Thankyou for your time and consideration and i hope you choose the peoples voice and not investors or lobbyists. Sincerely, William A buchanan



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EMAIL: inzan3h0mie417@live.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/4/2022 1:02 PM
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Hi, my name is Zachary a 33 year old male from Springfield, Missouri. I am in full support and even some adoration for this bill, because I have been negatively effected by the "war" on cannabis. I could not tell you how happy I was to see Missouri pass a medical cannabis program. But now I think it's time to address all the other issues. I am a convicted felon for cannabis, my life is very limited on dreams or what sort of career avenues I want to pursue. Anything in the medical field is out of the question of course, which is somewhere that I feel we really need more people. That's just one example though I could go on and on about the many jobs unaccessible to people with felony cannabis convictions. But there are many other issues as well that also should be addressed, like protecting parents with open Family Services cases who use cannabis as medicine. Also protections for those on probation and or parole who wish to use cannabis as a medicine. Right now there are so many still denied access to their right to medicine for one reason or another we have to fix that. But for me the biggest part of this is the expunging of non-violent cannabis felonies which could open up the doors for many new opportunities for myself and others, who knows maybe one of us will have a profound positive impact on the world. But it's very hard to do that when at every turn we are met with opposition from people who either don't understand or don't want to. I myself have been literally **MOCKED** by a State representative for believing in this bill. I believe it was his question "In this bill will there be a number for families to call when their family member is addicted to marijuana and smoking 24/7 like 1800-BETSOFF". Well my response to that is, as someone who is an avid and I do mean avid cannabis user, it is almost impossible to smoke 24/7. You may ask "but what about abuse and addiction" well I will say marijuana abuse is a real thing and it does happen, not very often but it does. There are thousands of recovery meetings/programs all over the area to handle these sorts of things. But I will say being mocked by an elected official because of the beliefs I hold sure doesn't show much progression in the way the world works. Isn't tolerance something insisted on these days? Instead, for too long we have demonized and criminalized a medicine that can be just as beneficial as chemotherapy for some. The fact remains something has to change and I think this is the best avenue for change that I think we could see. I believe this bill best represents the people and what is good for the people. Thank you for your time. Zachary Harrington



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2022 11:27 PM

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In am Opposed to this Bill! WE Want Experienced Fire Marshal Administration and Investigators who are Vested and Residents of Our State. These Employees know and Care about Missouri. Do NOT Change the Basic Requirements!



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WITNESS NAME: BROOKE FOSTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: COCO DISPENSARIES		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: ERIC WALTER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-496-6190	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MO CANN TRADE		TITLE: OUTSIDE GENERAL COUNSEL	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63105
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WITNESS NAME: ERIC ZAHND		PHONE NUMBER: 816-858-3476	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS		TITLE: PLATTE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	
ADDRESS: 415 THIRD ST., SUITE 60			
CITY: PLATTE CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64079
EMAIL: ezahnd@co.platte.mo.us	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/7/2022 5:41 PM	
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The Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys strongly opposes House Bill 2704, also known as the “Cannabis Freedom Act.” If passed, this bill would have devastating consequences on the health and safety of Missourians. Despite publicity to the contrary, marijuana is a dangerous drug that negatively impacts users’ health. Consider the findings of the National Academy of Sciences—a well-respected, independent scientific body—which concluded that marijuana use raises “important public health concerns.” Among those concerns: increased incidence of heart attacks, respiratory diseases, and mental health diseases like schizophrenia, other psychoses, social anxiety disorders, and depression. The Academy also noted long-term impairments in learning, memory and attention, even after people stop using marijuana. It found that marijuana use is linked to the development of substance dependence and/or a substance abuse disorder for substances including alcohol, tobacco, and other illicit drugs. You can review those findings at: <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=24625>. In addition, legalization of marijuana harms public safety. Consider the effects in Colorado, the first state to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes. Since recreational marijuana was legalized in Colorado in 2013, traffic deaths where drivers tested positive for marijuana increased 138% while all Colorado traffic deaths increased 29%. The percent of suicide incidents in which toxicology results were positive for marijuana increased from 14% in 2013 to 29% in 2020. And legalized marijuana in Colorado has only fueled illegal, black market sales: Seizures of marijuana reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) in Colorado increased 48% from an average of 174 parcels (2009-2012) when marijuana was commercialized to an average of 257 parcels (2013-2020) during the time recreational marijuana became legalized. You can find these and other disturbing proof about the dangers of marijuana legalization at: <https://www.rmhidta.org/strategic?pgid=khxvk038-6a0e2823-f0e2-4f73-b236-34dfc9e4952d>. Simply put, legalization of marijuana for recreational purposes makes communities less safe, and Missouri should not head down that dangerous path. We should also dispel a myth related to marijuana legalization. Supporters of marijuana legalization would have you believe our prisons are full of first-time, nonviolent marijuana users. That’s just not true. The truth is that 99% of Missouri’s prisoners are in prison because they are violent, sexual, or repeat felony offenders, or they were first sentenced to probation but refused to obey a judge’s orders while given the chance to avoid going to prison. The simple fact is that marijuana users don’t go to prison; instead, they are often offered treatment in one of Missouri’s many treatment court programs. Marijuana is a dangerous drug. It remains a Schedule I controlled substance because the FDA has found it has no legitimate medical use. And while not every marijuana user will become a heroin, methamphetamine, or cocaine addict, I challenge you to find the heroin, methamphetamine, or cocaine addict who did not start with smoking

marijuana. Those of us who fight crime every day know that legalizing marijuana will harm users' health and make our communities more dangerous. For these reasons, the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys strongly opposes House Bill 2704.



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WITNESS NAME: GARRETT WEBB		PHONE NUMBER: 219-229-1104	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CHAPTER, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS		TITLE: REGISTERED LOBBYIST	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63104
EMAIL: webb@coestrategies.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 3/8/2022 2:25 PM

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The Missouri Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, opposes the legislation in current form out of concern for removing protections in place to prevent the possession or sale of marijuana products to minors. While the bill does not open the sale or possession to individuals below the age of 21, our concern is rooted in the potential for black market sale or possession inadvertently finding its way into the hands of minors.



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WITNESS NAME: GAVIN WALKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I cannot believe that Missouri thinks it needs to be in the cannibus business. By taxing it you are putting Missouri s stamp of approval that this is a perfectly fine consumer product. My son is a 21 year old thc addict since he was in high school. Now he has schizophrenia and he has already attempted suicide. It is destroying his life. Please reconsider before your children end up the same way.



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WITNESS NAME: HEIDI GEISBUHLER SUTHERLAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS	
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MSMA opposes the legalization of recreational marijuana in Missouri until further research can better clarify the risks and benefits. As such, MSMA calls on the Food and Drug Administration and the Drug Enforcement Administration to promptly revise marijuana's current classification as a Schedule I controlled substance in order to facilitate evidence-based, scientifically-valid clinical research to evaluate its efficacy and safety.



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Please do not put Missouri House Bill 2704 in legislation. As prior United States Air Force Security Forces, a proud veteran and father of 2 our fine state does not need or want the problems that will come from this bill being passed. Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN PENNINGTON		PHONE NUMBER: 314-749-2677	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PROPER CANNABIS		TITLE: OWNER	
ADDRESS: 2609 ROCK HILL INDUSTRIAL COURT			
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WITNESS NAME: NATALIE BROWN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-768-0233	
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ADDRESS: 2250 WELSCH INDUSTRIAL COURT			
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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN NITTER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3416	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS (MAOPS)		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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MAOPS opposes all efforts to legalize recreational marijuana.			



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WITNESS NAME: TYLER MCCLAY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-7239	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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The Missouri Catholic Conference is concerned about the impact of this legislation on families. Legalizing the use of marijuana for recreational purposes poses risks to public safety and to the well-being of Missouri employees and youth. The MCC is concerned that legalizing recreational marijuana will harm the working poor disproportionately and send a message to youth that marijuana use is safe and socially acceptable for recreational purposes.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN RIEGEL		PHONE NUMBER: 314-805-5826	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SOUTH POINT HEMP		TITLE:	
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I am very supportive of this Bill but have some concerns that the "Cannabis Label Act" is going to take CBD, CBDA, CBG, CBGA and CBN away from people. I think these should be 18 to buy and no age limit to posses, recreationally this list is very boring! Another problem is on page 34 line 13 states 1/2 of 1% cannabinoid this amount is 5 times most of my products that we make. The label act needs to require proper labels for products far lower than this. Our products commonly go 10mg per 10 grams of chocolate (.1%) instead of the 5% the "Cannabis Label Act " covers.



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The current medical legalization is in the constitution. This is a proposed statutory change. Shall this becomes law, Missourians may find conflicts between this and amendment 14 of Missouri constitution. For example, there's conflicting taxing systems. Under the constitution the medical spending go to veterans. Under the proposal before you, part of the excise tax a consumer spends will go to teachers. Under this proposal an excise shall not exceed 12% but the constitution puts the medical at 6%. If a head of house hold were to buy from a dispensary for his wife and self, who wouldn't need a medical card, and their minor patients, who would need a medical card, shall this becomes law, how would he know which tax to pay? Besides from the tax issue, this doesn't fix the problem with the Department of Health and Senior services, but refers back to it. The Department took 2yrs setting up the rules and approving applications for dispensaries. Instead of establishing legislative oversight, the proposal calls for the same department to set up the Cannabis Enforcement Authority without legislative oversight. But the only way we're getting such oversight is to amend the constitution. So I think this should be a constitutional change, not a statutory change.



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