

To: Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Sec. Sheila Wodtke

Subject: Written Only Proponent SB135

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Hello;

My name is Bruce Blank, a private citizen and I would like to submit written-only proponent testimony for the hearing on SB135, scheduled for hearing March 15th.

I am in favor of SB135 for several reasons:

- 1) Tax revenues generated by medical cannabis will help ease the state's transition away from the Food Sales Tax, helping bridge revenue shortfalls.**
- 2) Kansas is one of only three states that currently do not recognize medical cannabis. Virtually all our surrounding states currently offer some form to assist with conditions ranging from cancer to leukemia to seizures. Kansans shouldn't have to choose between staying in Kansas or leaving for the vital benefits of medicinal Cannabis.**
- 3) Law enforcement funds and time can be better spent than prosecuting simple adult use. The cost to our economy in terms of facilities, court costs and police reporting is far greater than the cost of prosecuting lone individuals.**
- 4) I am a Vietnam Era Veteran. I served in the Middle East as a nuclear security personal. As I am now in my 70's, access to medical cannabis would offer relief for my osteo-authoritis and abdominal pain.**

Like many Kansans, I do not desire to have to travel out of state in order to obtain the relief that can be found with medical cannabis.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bruce B. Blank