

I am writing this to testify of the miracles of medical marijuana that I have witnessed. I am a mid-aged mom, grandma and nurse. I have seen people suffer in pain, with depression and anxiety, I have seen people at their worse. I have seen the poly pharmacy addictions that desperate people have and that big pharma creates. I am not going to go into statistics, I am sure that is covered somewhere. I just want to voice my opinion.

I was skeptical at first about the marijuana as medicine thing, until I researched more and took a class. One I saw the effects that cannabinoids have on the cannabinoid system, it made sense. Our bodies have built in "plug ins" for the chemicals found in hemp and marijuana. The body needs these chemicals to complete certain processes. Much like the green leafy vegetables give our body the fiber that it needs to detoxify our body of toxins, the green vegetation that is marijuana impacts many areas of the body.

I am writing to tell you this, people that have ailments are going to different states to obtain this, they are moving out of this state so that they can have a better life.

People who suffer seizures, pain from any ailment, cancer patients no longer have to swallow several pills- one for pain, one for nausea/vomiting, one for appetite...marijuana covers all of this. We use Marinol which is derived from the marijuana plant for terminally ill people.

If we can make people's lives better, why wouldn't we?

A young person stricken down by arthritis, hereditary and have to swallow multiple pills, one for pain, one for inflammation, another one for the depression that it causes because they are stuck on disability because of the disease that has ravished them at a young age. Wanting to be able to get out of bed and go to work, except if they do find a job that will work with their disability, they lose their health coverage and she can not afford her medication...she feels stuck. But...enter a cannabinoid...now she is productive, off medications, off of disability and working full time. Travelling and living her dreams.

Let's talk about the lady in her 40s who has been diagnosed with cancer, she struggles to eat, sleep, drink, so exhausted that she lays in bed unable to go to her kids graduation. She takes over 40 pills a day, one pill to help the side effects of another and another for the side effects that drug, contemplating suicide. Until she is introduced to a cannabinoid regimen. She is thriving, cancer is decreasing and won't miss her sons graduation or her daughter wedding.

Think about your family... everyone has someone that suffers from something, if you could do anything to change their lives and make it better you would...so I ask that you think about your family member that is suffering- there is a way to help them; pass the medical marijuana bill- allow Kansans to come home and feel safe that they will not be prosecuted for the medicine that allows them to live a decent life. Do it for your future ailments, do it for your kids...your parents, your grandkids..

If that is not enough, do it to bail Kansas out of this debt and make this state rise with the other states around us.. we are the sink hole in the middle of the US!! Lift us up!!