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To The Committee on Federal and State Affairs:

First, I would like to thank the Committee for allowing this hearing. My name is Natalie Greenlee and I'm a second-generation entrepreneur here in Kansas. I own three CBD stores in Kansas; two in Sedgwick Co. and one in Butler Co. We opened our first store just after the CBD law changed in 2018 and have expanded to three by the end of 2019. We employ 5 people and have heard story after story from our customers using our products to get their lives back. All I've spoken with are in support of HB2706.

This bill will allow our industry to finally keep up with the rest of the United States and offer safe access to quality products. This will help with the black-market problems we are seeing from excess grows out of Oklahoma. It will ensure that people are getting access to the products they need to help them live their lives without the use of prescription medication that often leads to other illness and side effects and not have to risk criminal actions. I have urged every single one of my customers in fear they will lose the only thing that is working for them to write you as well and explain just how much passing HB2706 will mean for them.

Again, I would like to thank the Committee for allowing the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of this bill. I hope that we can pass this bill out of committee favorably so we can rectify the situation we have going on in Kansas that is affecting the lives of thousands of Kansas residents. They need to be able to keep accessing these products and not feel like they are being a criminal and not have to resort to criminal activity to continue to get them. Also, to put Kansas on the map with the rest of the United States as a state that cares about its residents and how they choose to heal themselves.

Best,

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Owner