

Chairman Koehler, Vice Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Brent and Members of the Agriculture & Rural Development House Committee: Thank you for allowing me to give proponent testimony for Sub SB 57.

My name is Lindsey Evans and I am the mother of two children. My son, who is 7 years old suffers from epilepsy. When he was 3 years old, he first suffered from seizures that had what doctors said was "no cause." Four years ago, we were able to purchase Hemp CBD Oil legally from an out of state vendor and try to treat our son with it. We were terrified, we had no idea what to do, but we were able to find a simple, over the counter remedy that could lessen his seizure activity.

As of last Summer, I myself was using Hemp CBD oil for my anxiety. It was the one thing that could immediately lessen the symptoms.

Unfortunately, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy has decided last Summer that Hemp CBD Oil is now under the medical marijuana program. And as of late 2018, Hemp and Cannabidiol (CBD) for commerce are now federally legal.

Currently, I am not able to use the supplements that I need and was legally using in Ohio before last Summer. Children in Ohio with seizure disorders like my son are not able to get the supplements that they need and were legally using before last Summer.

Because we have waited long enough, I urge the committee to add an emergency clause to Sub SB 57 so that the sale, purchase and possession of Hemp CBD Oil will be immediately available to Ohioans when the Governor signs this bill. This is the absolutely correct solution for those that have had their federally legal products made illegal overnight.

Thank you for your time,

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