

Good afternoon....so we meet again,

Mr. Chairman, members of the Select Committee on Medical Marijuana, my name is Tara Cordle and this is my son Waylon Cordle we are here again today in full support of whole plant Cannabis in Ohio.

You already know our story I will not bother you by repeating it again, however I will add to it...This child standing before you has done nothing but seize this week, I will be surprised if he doesn't have one as we stand here today. If YOU lived every day like WE do as I have to watch my son suffer and seize you would understand why I am standing here again for the second time. You have stated that you know Medical Marijuana is needed for sick patients like my son. While I am grateful that you are willing to help, I am concerned about several things with HB523.

You must be more specific in your wording, We call it WHOLE PLANT CANNABIS meaning what it actually says...you call it "PLANT MATTER" in order for us to trust this bill your words need to be OUR words.

Protection for caregivers is a ABSOLUTE MUST, my son is 10 years old, as your Bill is written Waylon would have to get his own medicine and also administer it to himself, If I go get it I would be "breaking the law" this MUST change CAREGIVERS MUST BE PROTECTED.

We need a patient advocate added to this Commission, it is our way of relief that we have someone on the inside rather than political and business partners.

Reporting every 3 months is a huge burden to patients and doctors. It is also extremely expensive and should not require the burden of more work for a doctor.

Medical Marijuana should be available as a FIRST OPTION if a doctor sees it is needed. My son is swallowing over 17,000 pills a year I can not help but wonder what his life would be like if Medical Marijuana was his first option. Waylon is ADDICTED....yes I said ADDICTED to Klonopin it is a Benzo drug...My 10 year old is already an ADDICT so why would I not want to have this option as a FIRST one. Time...2 years is way too long for my son to continue to suffer this process can and should happen faster.

I will close with this...HOME GROW... If you want people to believe and trust in your Bill it must include HOME GROW. This medication will not be covered by insurance and it will be costly especially to someone like me...I am here to remind you that My family already has accumulated 6.5 MILLION dollars in Medical Bills since November 2012. HOME GROW is an option in several other states, I am asking you to embrace this and trust Ohioans...HOME GROW is a game changer in this movement....why not get it RIGHT the first time. HOME GROW could potentially put a stop to the Ballot Initiative that you so strongly disagree with.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for the opportunity to speak to you today, I look forward to seeing the changes on HB523.

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