

Good afternoon,

I would like to thank our State Representatives for allowing me the opportunity to speak in The People's house & for having open discussions in order to properly create and set forth precedence within the new, legalized Ohio Cannabis Community & Industry.

OhioCannabis.com was founded in 2016, as a News, Media & Lifestyle Brand & website. I have worked at a very high-level within the industry, & we have provided information free of charge, to tens of thousands of Ohioans about the legalization of Cannabis in Ohio. Our brand is well known, and a trusted source of information.

I'm speaking on behalf of Home Growers and how the program needs to move forward & freely allow the proper access to genetics within the Ohio Cannabis Community.

Ohioans have proven themselves mature enough to handle a legal cannabis market. They've shown this over the past 7 years under the medical program, as well self-control at over 100+ cannabis-focused events in Ohio since 2016. I have personally put on a cannabis event at the Columbus Convention Center in 2017. They have all played out flawlessly, without any issues or police intervention.

I thought we were Regulating Cannabis Like Alcohol? Then why is there Language submitted to dis-allow new Ohio Cannabis Home Growers from having the ability to trade and transfer genetics amongst each other, freely, as they see fit, without over-reaching control?

Based on the 2018 Farm Bill, as well as a statement from the DEA in 2022, cannabis seeds, clones, & tissue cultures have less than 0.3% THC, are considered Hemp, and are no longer listed as a Scheduled item.

Essentially what you have is the equivalent to a tomato cutting. While beautiful, it is inert, harmless and should have no bearing on a new Home Growers process, or plant count.

You can easily buy seeds, clones & tissues cultures online and have them shipped directly to your house. But we are going to try to limit a legal, Free, Home Grower from the ability to interact within the new cannabis community to trade or transfer genetics as they see fit? These seems silly and un-enforceable.

We are trying to bring this industry into the light so people are more comfortable and feel safe participating and stamp out any illegal activity. What is being set forth, essentially makes new Home Growers continue to be criminals by simply wanting to trade inert genetics amongst themselves.

In fact, if you're familiar with the way beer is made, they use a flower called Hops, which provides its unique flavor & aroma that so many people enjoy. It is also part of the

Cannabinaceae Plant Family, yet no additional oversight is given to this plant material or it's sources, when a Home Brewer decides to make their own beer.

Everyone will tell you, Licensed holders included, that having interesting & a wide variety of genetics is paramount to providing the right effects, & success a patient or person is looking for.

In my last words, I respectfully ask our elected State Representatives finalizing details within the new Home Grow Program Guidelines, to not place any criminal rules or oversight on someone trying to legally acquire new genetics.

Thank you,

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