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My name is Kilie Musick, I have been a nurse since 2014 and in the medical field itself since 2011. I am a member of the ACNA (American cannabis Nurses Association) and the CNN (Cannabis Nurses Network) I have just recently over the last two years taken a break from nursing to begin my career in the medical marijuana industry with the hopes that I can use the knowledge learned to better educate my patients and slowly help get medical marijuana integrated with the healthcare system. There is simply not enough patient education. It should be a requirement to briefly consult with a nurse prior to each dispensary purchase to record data that can be used to better the medical marijuana program. It should be just like any other healthcare profession. The database should track what products the patients buy with follow up questions related to each product at the next visit.

However, nurses and women in general are still fighting to be recognized and taken seriously in the industry. I'd like to see nurses at the forefront gathering the data necessary to truly better patients experience with marijuana and alleviating the stigma around it. Patients should never feel ashamed for taking a prescribed medication.

I am an Ohio patient myself who struggles with high functioning anxiety, depression, severe PTSD, and IBS. I have been consuming daily for almost two years and it has drastically changed my life. Every diagnosis I have is being controlled with one single medication. The downfall is trying to find quality products, and when you do, they are NOT competitively priced with the Michigan market which is why majority of cannabis sales across the country remain in the illicit market.

This leads me to discuss the fact that there are not enough high-quality full spectrum products. The Ohio market is flooded with distillate-based products, why you might ask? It's the cheapest and easiest to mass produce for vapes and edibles. BUT...Did you know that almost all Ohio processors are using a rad source? This is a machine that uses Gama rays to "destroy" microbials prior to testing. Why would something like this need to be used? Companies are too worried about overproducing for profit and not the safety of the patient consuming. The long-term effects are still not known. We will never know because companies are not disclosing the use of the Rad Source to anyone. As an employee we are told not to discuss the topic, especially with the lab that comes in to test the products. I fell this is very unsafe and should be illegal to use. Instead, these companies should focus more on cleanliness of the facility, making sure staff are compliant with PPE, and allowing the cannabis enough time to fully mature.

Also take into consideration as a nurse I am not able to do travel nursing with my medication legally and I still worry about potentially losing my job if I would get a random drug test.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the opportunity to be heard today and please if you have any questions for me feel free to reach me at: Alise_30@msn.com

