

BEFORE THE OHIO SENATE  
Senate General Government Committee  
Testimony of Captain James (jim) Southward (Ret.)  
OFFERED AS AN INTERESTED PARTY AS TO  
SENATE BILL 9  
3/13/2023

Dear Chairman, Rulli, Vice Chair Schuring, and honorable members of the Senate General Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify here today as an interested party regarding Senate Bill 9 ("SB 9"). My name is Capt. Jim Southward USGC Licensed, Master Mariner, and retired Ship's Captain, I am a current patient in Ohio's medical marijuana program. I suffer from PTSD and chronic pain as the result of a car accident which also rendered me "Unseaworthy".

I firmly believe the provisions in SB 9 will greatly benefit medical patients like me and applaud the legislature's effort to modernize and improve the Ohio medical marijuana program. Thank you all for supporting us with this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Capt. James (jim) Southward (Ret.)  
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*I bid you fair winds and calm seas*