

Senate General Government Committee
Proponent Testimony of Lorrie Callahan
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Chairman Rulli and honorable members of this committee, thank you for allowing me to testify here today in support of Senate Bill 9 (SB 9). My name is Lorrie Callahan I am a patient in Ohio's medical marijuana program. Here are my written comments for the record, but I appear before you as my story is better told in-person as I like for people to see how much cannabis helps me.

I am a Multiple Sclerosis patient advocate, helping others choose healthier habits for treating MS with cannabis and or CBD. I believe I provide a unique perspective because I too have Multiple Sclerosis. My symptoms range from severe pain to muscle spasms as well as speech issues, and brain fog. Walking issues are also a big part of my symptoms and medical cannabis helps aide in keeping all my symptoms at bay. It's gotten me off numerous pharmaceuticals, which I'm extremely grateful for.

Thank you for this opportunity to tell my story and I'd be happy to answer any questions.