

Good afternoon, Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member DeMora, and members of the committee.

My name is Jaimee Courtney, and I am the proud owner of Sunmed I Your CBD Store in Bellefontaine, Ohio. My husband and I have been operating this business since December 2019, investing our savings and faith in a company committed to natural health and wellness. We opened the store with a clear purpose: to offer safe, alternative health solutions to our community.

Over the past five years, we've seen the profound impact our products have had on people's lives. The majority of my customers—about 80%—are over the age of 55. These are responsible adults seeking relief and wellness without the intoxicating effects of marijuana. They visit regularly, typically once a month, because they trust us to provide safe, effective products.

As the parents of four daughters, ranging from 21 to 5 years old, my husband and I share your concerns about unregulated products. Safety, quality, and appropriate age restrictions are important to us, which is why our store has maintained a 21+ policy.

However, I strongly oppose Senate Bill 326. The proposed THC limits of 0.5 mg per serving and 2.0 mg per container are unrealistically low and would effectively eliminate 90% of the products I offer. This would not only harm my business but also push consumers toward unregulated online sources, driving tax revenue out of Ohio.

There are better ways to ensure public safety without undermining small businesses. Reasonable measures—such as enforcing a 21+ age restriction, requiring childproof packaging, and setting balanced THC limits—can protect consumers while allowing Ohio's hemp industry to flourish.

My store plays a vital role in promoting community wellness and supporting the local economy. I urge you to reject SB 326 and consider thoughtful, balanced regulations that prioritize safety without harming responsible businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration. God bless.