

Members of the House Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity for speak before you today.

Why are we here today? We know what the disease is, but what is the cause? The disease being SB 56 and the cause being what? Perhaps special interests? In several avenues that some of you think your clever at doing. Trickle down the funds from multiple sources including taxes, fines and fees from victims of unjust recidivism, private prisons, friends in corporate cannabis feeding you misinformation. Matter fact, friends who work in corporate cannabis who align the laws for their spouses cannabis business. The truth comes out...you can not continue to hide it. With SB 56, we cannot speak on this without speaking on our federal governments failures to adopt to modern times and modern medicine. This bill seeks to undermine a segment of the population that uses cannabis. As a medical cannabis user, I am very well aware we have people in our population that feed off false narratives, bias opinions, bias FEELINGS, opinionated data. Your opinion, does not make something become a fact. If you believe you are a wizard, go to Hogwarts. If you think you are going to hold down the cannabis community, medical and recreational, you are in a politically driven psychosis. If I came this committee seeking to ban alcohol, what would you all say? Here's what you would first do...You would justify its legality due to federal law, even though the dangers are clear by the Surgeon General, and you would insinuate I am wasting the committees time. Alcohol has killed more people than cannabis. Yet you want to sip your wine and point your finger at cannabis. If this society used cannabis more, we would have less shootings, less domestic violence, less drug abuse including alcohol, which would drop the levels of OVI's with people gaining OVI's over cannabis giving a balance to what we already have or perhaps less statically in terms of number of OVI's. This is a reasonable theory. I am not saying it is fact. But at least I am not what some of you do and provide opinionated "facts", claiming its true and accurate. Overriding laws on a micro level is outrageous and this approach to discreetly overriding laws needs to be reviewed by an Ethics committee. This bill is prepared to throw people into jail for consuming in public, something more Ohioans do than you think. BUT I think that you DO know this. This would touch on a major subject here in the United States called Recidivism and the profiting off private prisons and jails. The re-incarcerating of individuals including for petty crimes. One example of this is of a particular county in the state of Florida, that when I lived there, would incarcerate individuals for open container which would be a \$100 fine, or as an alternative a 1 day in jail sentence. For federal funding they would target the homeless who couldn't pay the fine. With SB 56 we have an underlying social issue that seems to be like a cancer and won't go away. Having history of being incarcerated 15 years ago, I used that time to reflect on many things but also educate myself in some law, history, geopolitics. When cannabis improved my life slowly I started to attend college more frequent than

before after gaining easier access to cannabis. I eventually received my Associates of Applied Science in Audio/Video Production Technology. I have plans to return to school for an Ed.D in Urban Leadership later down the future with education in cannabis that would benefit me internationally in places like Canada as well.

People in the cannabis community seems to always deal with people who have the Dunning-Kruger Effect. Using information they learned from the 1900s from bias sources running rampant at that time. Regulatory overreach with cannabis, under reach when it comes to guns. What stuns me is I live in a society where people are eager to handle weapons of war, but would half of them be even prepared to be in such a scenario. People need to appreciate the level of peace we are able to keep in our democracy. So if we are speaking about public safety, hypocrisy is right there. Cannabis is not brought into schools to commit mass murder. What do you think is?...

Prohibiting cannabis sharing is a personal attack. You are trying to effectively isolate cannabis users on an island from being able to socialize with other people and do the same things people do when they drink, but safer. You allow the sharing of a cancer causing chemical, alcohol, meanwhile you prohibit the transfer of a plant between two responsible adults. I do not want to even get into the poor legislation around caregiving for patients by growing for them, making products for them, and so on.

Removing social equity and jobs programs is another example of how there is an agenda by someone linked to one of you we have in this office today representing us. An agenda to make money off incarcerating individuals. Money off the recidivism rate in this country. And who else better to target than people who use cannabis. Targeting a minority soon to be majority in the future. You know what countries have governments that target minorities? Iran, Russia, Syria (including history with the new administration), Sudan, and the list goes on. Why do we want to be like any of them? Why do we have certain members of office with ambitions to have their own security of power at the expense of others.

So as I come before you today, I want to let it be known that we should all firmly oppose this bill, SB 56. I also want to briefly address SB 326 in connection with public safety. There needs to be a compromise on products containing "alternative" (aka synthetic) cannabinoids derived from hemp for the purpose of public safety but protections for naturally occurring cannabinoids such as THCa, CBD, CBN, CBG, and so on. There are an array of minor cannabinoids documented.

Thank you for your time.

