

Hello General House Committee,

My name is Daniel DelSignore Jr., and I'm here today to speak in opposition to Senate Bill 56.

As a medical cannabis patient and responsible cannabis consumer in the state of Ohio, I want to be clear: Senate Bill 56 fails to honor the will of the people—the very voters who passed Issue 2 into law in November 2023.

Let's remember what happened in November of 2023. Over 57% of Ohioans voted in favor of cannabis legalization. That's more than voted for Governor DeWine. That's not just a win—it's a landslide. And that means something. That means the people of Ohio spoke clearly and decisively. They want legal access. They want social equity. And they want responsible tax revenue distribution.

Under the law passed by the people, 36% of cannabis tax revenue is to be distributed to communities—including 15% directly to cities and municipalities that allow legal cannabis sales in their jurisdiction. Senate Bill 56 threatens to undercut that promise. Why should cities that

support legalization—and bear the responsibility of regulation—be denied their fair share?

This isn't about partisanship. This isn't even about cannabis, at its core. This is about democracy. It's about whether elected officials will listen to the will of the people they serve.

As a patient, I use cannabis daily to manage health conditions safely and effectively. I am not a criminal. I am not a stereotype. I am an Ohioan. And I stand here today because I believe the law that the voters passed must be respected—not rewritten to fit someone else's agenda.

Please reject Senate Bill 56. Listen to your constituents. Respect democracy. Uphold Issue 2.

Thank you.