

## **Opponent Testimony for Sub Bill SB 56**

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Thank you for the positive contributions the House has made to Sub Bill SB 56, but we have many miles to go before you reach fair & equitable treatment of Patients and Consumers. Since 2018, we as a collective group have been told “Baby steps”, there would never be broad based correction of the Medical Program. Despite contributions of knowledge, language and experience, Ohio legislators have not coordinated well with the Cannabis Advocates of Ohio. This General Assembly has shown a conscious effort to confuse, confound and generally made this process difficult to follow. The Shell Game of Bills, the shortening of Opponent Testimony, the overwhelming Opponent Testimony that seemingly exists in a vacuum, as you’ve continually sided with minimal Proponent Testimony. Then there’s the fact that you’ve openly ignored the Will of the People, by gutting Issue 2. We see you, we will change this situation or help elect people that will honor the Voting Rights of ALL Ohioans.

Now we have Sub Bill SB 56, a conglomeration of previous Cannabis Legalization, that still endorses Prohibition on many levels

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My first thought, how do you allow growth of 6-12 Cannabis Plants, but limit Possession to 2.5 ounces of Plant Material & 15g’s of Concentrate? Healthy, outdoor Cannabis plants can produce up to 17.5 ounces/plant\*.

Ohio needs to allow Free and open testing of all Products for Contamination and Quality Assurance. Ohio should follow the lead of Maine\*\* and do a Cross Sampling of its Programs, on at least an Annual basis.

The Tax Rate and its Distribution, continue to be an issue, as the Cannabis Community receives zero support, from funds they’ve helped create.

Limiting Concentrates to 70%, makes Concentrates such as RSO and FECO less effective, therefore, they shouldn’t be included in the proposed strength limits.

To limit arrests and Public Consumption, Create CORA’s(Cannabis versions of a DORA), for large Public Events(4th of July, Sports Events, COMFEST), a large enclosed area, with filtered exhaust fans.

We still need Anti Discrimination Language\*\*, Criminal Justice Reform and support of Social Equity Programs. As Legislators, you've put yourselves in a precarious situation. You're about to be known for one of the largest Criminal Conspiracies, against your own Constituents and Neighbors, in U. S. history. You legalized a Commodity, gave access to it, then allowed it to be re-criminalized, overpriced and highly taxed, while continuing to make arrests for it. All along, providing no support, recourse or real "Rights of Use" for the Citizens of the State. You've surreptitiously taken advantage of Federal Law, while damaging the very Consumers you were supposedly "rescuing" from Federal Law. Please put this process on Hold, until you can recognize the "Will of the People"(Issue 2), not the "Will of the Legislators". The opportunity to include Ohio Cannabis Advocates in this process, still exists. Please reach out before it's too late.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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## **Reference Materials**

\*[https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get\\_documents.asp?session=29&docid=2167#:~:text=Under%20per%20outdoor%20conditions%20you,or%2015%20gallons%20in%20size](https://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?session=29&docid=2167#:~:text=Under%20per%20outdoor%20conditions%20you,or%2015%20gallons%20in%20size)