

Theresa Sweeny Proponent Testimony for H.B. 60 – 3/22/21

I am writing to you to voice my support for a YES vote on HB60 to add Autism Spectrum Disorder as a qualifying condition to become an Ohio MMCP patient.

I believe there is strong and substantial scientific evidence that supports the use of medical cannabis as a safe viable treatment for autism spectrum disorder. There are several Ohio physicians and scientists who agree and have provided expert testimony on the matter.

Moreover, a bevy of states, including Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Texas, and the territory of Puerto Rico have all permitted autism as a qualifying condition for their medical cannabis programs, pediatric patients included.

Other states such as California, Florida, Oklahoma, Oregon, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Washington DC also recognize autism as a debilitating condition and allow doctors to recommend medical cannabis.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB60.