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Thank you, honorable guardians of state sovereignty, for allowing me to speak today. International, Federal, nor State government mandates entangled in public/private partnerships without the option of self-reliance and individual liberty is not what our nation was founded on. I am uninterested in populism, surveys, revenue potential, or your favorite personality. Quite frankly, my issue is that the prohibition of cannabis is terrorizing, harmful, contrary to American values and either dumb or nefarious. A natural plant that has an excellent protein profile, therapeutic properties; including anti-inflammation and industrial/economic value should not be outlawed. The philosophical poisonous tree of outlawing natural cannabis produces rotten fruit such as publicly traded corporations manufacturing synthetic substances (dronabinol, nabilone) that hinders access for citizens in the form of financial burdens, limited efficacy (biomedical vs holistic/entourage effect) and the basic un-American use of force against those who refuse this prohibition through the detainment, arrest, labeling and packaging, chemical restraint and infringement of other natural and enumerated individual rights such as self-defense, when in possession, thereof.

Supremacy Issue

The people of the several states comprising the United States of America created the federal government to be their agent for certain enumerated purposes, and nothing more. The ninth amendment helps to solidify the need to defend natural rights whether enumerated or not and the tenth amendment reads simply, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people". Supremacy only involves those enumerated powers with historical founding intent (Declaration of Independence) that enhances individualistic liberty and thwarts collective mandates/guidance, or as Federalist #45 puts it, "powers delegated to the Federal Government are few and defined", while those of the States are "numerous and indefinite". This concept is evidenced, in fact, by the presence of a State Controlled Substances Act that leans on anti-commandeering principles where the federal government cannot compel a State to engage in enforcement.

Gateway Issue

Sugar, caffeine, cocoa, alcohol, and tobacco are all exempt substances yet are responsible for many harms due to their stimulant and depressive effects. The only gateway involved with cannabis is the prohibition, thereof, which "allows" officers to use it as a gateway into a vehicle or to seize citizens for questioning and possible arrest.

The natural botanical cannabis should be exempted/de-scheduled from our (Kansas) Controlled Substances Act and decriminalized with liberty and rudimentary regulation. I would support this bill if this change was enacted.