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Bill number: SB 135

Indicate Disposition: Proponent

Name of conferee: Isidro Marino

Title: Self/ Kansas Citizen

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Isidro Marino, and I am writing to voice my support to bill SB 135. I support the use of medical marijuana for Kansans. My father was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and he has had numerous neurological issues related to his recent diagnosis. When speaking with medical providers about treatment and care, marijuana came up as a drug that could be used to help my fathers parkinsons. Sadly, because marijuana is prohibited in the state of Kansas, my father cannot access legal medical marijuana to treat his symptoms caused by parkinson's disease. I have done research about the benefits of marijuana, and I fully support its legalization in the state with medicinal marijuana and the expungement of marijuana offenses. I do not think marijuana should be illegal in the state of Kansas, and I do not believe that law enforcement should singularly be the ultimate sayer in whether marijuana becomes legal in the state. Law enforcement should stick to providing public safety and focusing on actual dangerous crime, none of which marijuana is in itself.

I strongly urge all committee members to pass SB 135 out of committee. Most Kansans support medical marijuana and you should too.

Thank you for your time,

Isidro Marino
Kansas Citizen
Garden City, Kansas