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Proponent Testimony on SB135
For the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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Chair Thompson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of SB135. I wanted to share with you a little more as to why I'm in favor of this bill.

I have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia. I am told I will need to be on medication for the rest of my life. One of which will soon be considered a controlled substance. I experience chronic pain DAILY. My normal is always experiencing this. I am a mother of five and living with this condition can be quite challenging some days. Most days.

I have read a number of things that show medical marijuana improving the quality of life for those afflicted with fibromyalgia. I strongly urge you to consider those of us who struggle with chronic pain or other medical ailments to consider this bill.

I've lived in southwest Kansas all of my life and can also see how we're missing out. The Kansas City metro area is going to thrive while we continue dragging our feet. Our neighboring states have thrived with it. I'm unsure why are great agricultural state is missing out.

Please consider this bill. Our great state could be helping many great Kansans.

Thank you,
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