

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Written Testimony Only**  
**OPPONENT**  
**SB 135**  
**Lauren Shiffman**  
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Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee Members:

I am in COMPLETE OPPOSITION of SB 135. Fortunately, we can learn from other states that legalizing marijuana has **ruined** these states!

They have seen crime rise significantly and the devastating health effects of these highly potent drugs, marketed as "Medicine". There is no way to control the black market and it just runs rampant! Cartels are going to flood into our state like they have in Oklahoma.

"Medical marijuana" is a complete ruse! You can hear this in their deceptive marketing. **Please don't fall for it!** I was listening to an advertisement from Missouri the other day. It talks all about getting your "medicine". This is no medicine! There is NO list of ingredients, NO dose control by the doctors, NO regulatory period! This will only lead to recreational use, addict our society, cause out of control crime, and cause the demise of our society.

In addition, there is absolutely no need to legalization of marijuana as medical THC is available to every Kansas citizen via FDA approved medications available by prescription. This is the only safe route.

Today's marijuana is far more concentrated than in the 1970's and that is why this is so dangerous. Please listen to the medical doctors that testified a few weeks ago regarding these dangers. Today's marijuana is as addictive as methamphetamines and 10x worse for your lungs than tobacco. The last thing we need to cause is another chronic health condition to have to pay for as a society and the devastation addition causes to victims and families.

**STOP THIS BILL FOR OUR KIDS! PROTECT KANSAS FROM THE DECEPTIVE MARIJUANA LOBBY.**

**WE MUST NOT PASS THIS BILL!**

Sincerely,

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