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Senate Bill SB135
Opponent

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Attention Chairman Thompson and Members of the Fed and State Committee

As a concerned Kansas citizen, I want to state Kansas does not need Medical Marijuana to be made available by SB135. June 9, 2022, these 4 drugs Marinol, Syndros, Nabilone, and Epidiolex became FDA approved drugs which can be safely prescribed by a patient's physician. So, Grandma and Grandpa do have FDA approved drugs to treat their medical needs.

After being present for most of the hearings last fall and again in February, I heard many many reasons to not support a medical marijuana bill like SB135 in Kansas.

1) Medical Marijuana is an open door for recreational marijuana. Our Oklahoma Neighbor passed medical marijuana 5 years ago. We have heard how that is destroying their state. Last week Recreational Marijuana was put up for a popular vote and it was defeated by 62%. Every county voted against the bill. Recently there are reports from south Oklahoma where law enforcement found marijuana farms to have slave labor camps in less than favorable living conditions. Many appeared to be from China.

2) California and Colorado statistics are 1 in 4 traffic deaths attributed to Marijuana use. You heard many testimonies of our own Law Enforcement Officers giving many reasons for not supporting SB 135. One reason given was an already lack of officers and their problems would only increase. Let's listen to them.

3) Several testimonies stated the states crime and violent acts committed would increase and our children's lives would be put in harm's way.

4) It's a known fact children's brains aren't fully developed until at least 21-25 years old. When children hear the word "medical" they believe if mom and dad use Marijuana for their pain then it's OK for me. Or the word "recreational" with marijuana means it's fun. Once a child's brain is damaged its not repairable. Remember the mom from Colorado who testified and then her son committed suicide. As a committee you should not support medical marijuana for any reason. Let's keep Kansas free of marijuana.

**KANSAS CAN BE A LEADER INSTEAD OF A FOLLOWER. LET'S KEEP
KANSAS SAFE: VOTE NO SB 135**