

March 15, 2023

Bill number: SB 135

Opponent

Julie Edmondson, citizen

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to exercise my right to freely express my views. I am strongly opposed to SB 135 for the following reasons:

Legalizing medical marijuana is a deceptive trick to usher in recreational marijuana. Our state and society already has more drug abuse, addiction, and overdose than we are able to handle or even want to think about. Why would we foolishly follow in the steps of other states as we see the deadly effects it has had on their societies?

Medical THC is already available as an FDA approved prescription medication.

It is shameful to consider this for any possible tax revenue – it would be at the expense of the health and welfare of our citizens, families, and society as a whole.

Marijuana is much worse for your lungs than tobacco, and more addictive than methamphetamines.

We want clear-headed, strong, healthy people to help shape our wonderful state, to promote our traditional family values, and lead the way as an example of wise leadership.

Please stand strong and say no to SB 135.

Thank you,

Julie Edmondson