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Bill number: SB 135

Indicate Disposition: Opposed

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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

As an employer for a small business in the state of Kansas, I am concerned about the consideration of the legalization of marijuana.

- Work policies for the use of marijuana have been incomplete in states where the use is legal. For a small business, monitoring employees would be burdensome and any work completed under the influence could put my clients and the public at risk. This opens me up to greater liability.
- I travel for work and when I visit places like Tulsa, Nashville, Kansas City, Denver, Washington D.C., all public places smell like marijuana. This is not attractive for entertainment districts for families. This does not represent the values of our great state!
- Lastly, I am very aware that contractors have policies in place that do not allow drug use. These companies need workers but are struggling to hire employees who can pass a drug test even now. Legalizing the use would only exacerbate the issue.
- As a country, we have low employment and also low production output. Essentially, we are paying more for less. People are getting paid and doing less work. This is not sustainable for any economy and legalizing the use of marijuana will not help what we are seeing as a lack of motivation to work.
- As we were taught growing up, just because other states are doing it, it doesn't make it right! We stand on our own doing what is best for our citizens.

Please oppose SB 135. Thank you!

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