

**Senate Federal and State Committee  
SB 135**

**Opponent Testimony  
Written Only Testimony**

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Honorable Chairman Thompson, Vice-Chair Kloos, Ranking Minority Faust-Goudeau, and Committee Members:

I strongly urge you to oppose SB 135.

The push to legalize medical marijuana in the state of Kansas must be stopped. In other states we've seen it play out where the medical marijuana issue has been used as a trojan horse to get past the people, then a few years later recreational marijuana is pushed. The argument that people need it for pain management is a ruse. There are already FDA approved medical THC drugs available to citizens of Kansas. Therefore there is no need to legalize medical marijuana for this reason.

This is about the business of money at the expense of our youth and society becoming addicted to a much more potent marijuana compared to the marijuana of the 60's and 70's. In fact, studies have shown that in the 60's, the level of THC in marijuana was .5%. Today there are strains being created with 34% THC levels. That's a 6,700% increase! This is about getting people addicted and then making tons of money off their demise. Any additional tax revenue carrot being promoted is not worth the cost of harm to people's lives. We don't need or want this money. These are not the values this state believes in.

Every level of law enforcement has stood in opposition to legalizing of marijuana. Medical marijuana has really hurt our neighboring states like Oklahoma and Missouri. Let's not follow in their footsteps and stand on the values that make Kansas a special place.

I ask for and would appreciate your opposition of SB 135.

Sincerely,  
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